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Astronaut's Bizarre Mission

LOVE TRIANGLE: Navy Capt. Lisa M. Nowak, a NASA astronaut, is escorted to her initial court appearance in Orlando, Fla., on Tuesday. Nowak was charged with attempted first-degree murder in connection with a bizarre attack outside a Florida airport on a woman she saw as a romantic rival in an apparent love triangle involving a shuttle pilot. ♦ **'Sad case':** Details of Nowak's alleged plot | **Page 4**

Friendly Fire Tape Surfaces

Leaked video shows chaos as U.S. pilots kill British soldier

LONDON | A leaked cockpit video published Tuesday captures a dramatic exchange between two American pilots whose voices choke up when they learn that a British soldier was killed in a 2003 friendly fire incident in Iraq. "I'm going to be sick," one pilot says, later adding, "We're in jail, dude."

Despite British requests, the Pentagon said the video was classified, which meant it could not be presented in open court during an inquest into the death of Lance Cpl. Matty Hull.



The British soldier died when at least one U.S. jet fired on his convoy in the southern city of Basra. After excerpts of the video were published in The Sun newspaper and the footage was widely broadcast, U.S. authorities agreed to release it for the inquest.

Neither pilot was disciplined in the U.S. military's own investigation, which concluded the pilots "followed the procedures and processes for engaging targets," Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Tuesday.

The dramatic cockpit video and recording begin with two pilots identifying a target and checking with ground control to confirm there are no coalition troops in the area — to which ground control says, "That is an affirm. You are well clear of friendlies," according to the transcript released by The Sun. It is unclear whether one or both of the jets fired at the convoy. (AP)

***KA-BOOM!* | DON'T SLAM THE DOOR!** A New Malden, England, bomb squad has removed an unexploded World War II shell that a woman had been using as a doorstep for 50 years, Newsquest News Service reported. Betty Johnson said the device



was a shed doorstep at her previous home 50 years ago; when she moved to her new place, she took it with her. "I never really thought much of it," she said. But when a friend saw it, he convinced her to call authorities to have them check it out. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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COSTUMES

Lent: Like 40 Days Of Halloween!

Vatican City officials are condemning the sale in Italy of Jesus outfits to be worn at street festivals for Lent, the Daily Telegraph (U.K.) reported. Vendors on the streets of Rome are selling Jesus party wigs for \$16 that come with flowing beards and plastic crowns of thorns; for \$32, people can also buy flowing white tunics and plastic staffs. "This is regurgitated paganism and is a shameful insult and blasphemous to millions of believers," says Father Vittorino Grossi, secretary of the Pontifical Committee for Historical Sciences.

"It's worse than Roman graffiti of 1,800 years ago that showed Christ with a donkey's head." (EXPRESS)



EBONICS

Hey, They Let Quebec Speak in French

The mayor of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, is under criticism for a voicemail greeting on his cell phone spoken in a "gangsta rapper" voice, the Halifax Chronicle-Herald reported. "Yah, you reached the cell phone of John W. Morgan. The mayor ain't takin' no call right now, you know [what] I'm talkin' 'bout?" the message said Thursday. "He's busy. He's doin' whatever.... So drop a message at the tone and y'all can be conversatin' later, ya hear me?" Morgan said "some kids" were joking on his cell phone and changed the message; after it was discovered, he changed it to a normal greeting. (EXPRESS)


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LINGERIE

The World Cups

Gee, how in the world will the television producers for "Germany's Next Top Model" get any guys to watch a show devoted to showcasing women? Talk about a marketing nightmare, but, still, one that show promoters bravely undertook Sunday as models displayed soccer-themed lingerie at the soccer match between Dortmund and Stuttgart at Signal Iduna Park stadium in Dortmund, Germany. The models will be candidates on the show, produced by German supermodel Heidi Klum. (EXPRESS)



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Next, Your Fish Will Want a Tongue Ring

A Detroit pet store chain is selling fish tattooed with love messages as Valentine's Day gifts, the Detroit Free Press reported. Using ink injections and lasers, the fish — sold for between \$39 and \$50 — are given pink lips and sport the message "I [heart] U." "It's a way to make a statement," said Dennis Jones, general manager of Greenwood Pets. "It's quite unique." Other pet stores say it causes dangerous levels of stress to the fish. (EXPRESS)



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BAD FOR BUSINESS: Businesses in Crawford, Texas, home of President Bush's ranch, have fallen on hard times. Some say it's a reflection of Bush's sinking popularity over the war in Iraq combined with a daunting influx of anti-war protesters.

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In Brief

BARDSTOWN, KY.

6 Children Among the 10 Killed in Early Morning Fire

Fast-moving flames trapped a dozen people inside a burning house early Tuesday, killing 10 — six of them children — and leaving the only survivors hospitalized, authorities said. Most of the victims were dead by the time firefighters reached them, Nelson County Coroner Field Houghlin said. Neighbors said the two survivors had been held from running back into the flames for the screaming children. (AP)



Firefighters attend to the scene after the fatal blaze in Kentucky on Tuesday.

LOS ANGELES

Crooner Frankie Laine Dies Of Heart Failure at Age 93

Frankie Laine, the big-voiced singer whose string of hits made him one of the most popular entertainers in the 1950s, died Tuesday. He was 93. Laine died of heart failure at Mercy Hospital in San Diego, Jimmy Marino, Laine's producer of more than a dozen years, told The Associated Press. "He was one of the greatest singers around," Marino said. (AP)

House Plans Vote on Anti-Surge Bill

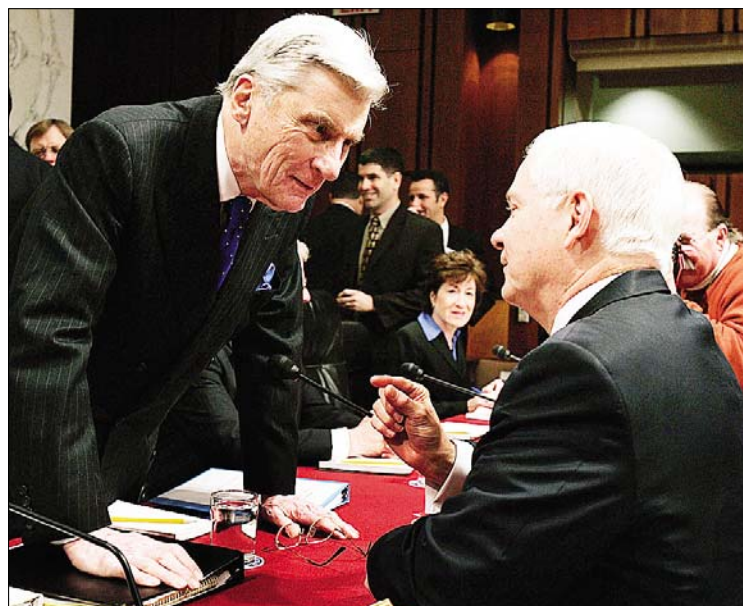
Gates tells committee that troops could exit Iraq by end of 2007

WASHINGTON | The Democratic-controlled House is planning to vote next week on opposing President Bush's Iraq troop buildup in a wartime clash between Congress and commander in chief.

The precise nature of the non-binding measure remains to be determined, officials said Tuesday, although Brendan Daly, a spokesman for Speaker Nancy Pelosi, said it would focus on "our opposition to the surge" in troops.

The Pentagon is in the midst of implementing Bush's order to raise troop levels by 21,500, part of a plan to help quell sectarian violence in Baghdad.

On the Senate side, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Tuesday that U.S. forces might be able to



SETTING THE TABLE: Sen. John Warner, R-Va., left, chats with Secretary of Defense Robert Gates prior to a Senate Armed Services Committee meeting on Tuesday.

start leaving Iraq before the end of the year — if daunting conditions including subdued violence and

political reconciliation are met.

Bush's revised strategy has sparked strong opposition among

High Price to Run

→ Campaign financial reports are starting to document an unprecedented drive for dollars to make 2008 the first billion-dollar presidential campaign. | **Today's AI**

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Democrats, and officials said that Pelosi and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., had both pledged to their rank-and-file that next week's vote would merely be the first attempt to pressure the president to shift course in the war. Other legislation will be binding, they said.

House Democratic leaders charted their course as Gates told lawmakers the buildup in troops is "not the last chance" to succeed in Iraq.

Appearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee, he said, "We, at this point, are planning for success." DAVID ESPO (AP)

FDA Approves Breast Cancer Test

Gene exam helps predict if women will relapse in 5, 10 years

WASHINGTON | Women with early stage breast cancer may soon get another gene test to help predict whether they'll relapse in five or 10 years, information that could influence how aggressively they

fight the initial tumor.

The MammaPrint test isn't the nation's first such predictor for breast cancer — a competitor has been sold here since 2004 — but on Tuesday it became the first to win formal approval from the Food and Drug Administration.

The test is far from perfect, warned the FDA's Dr. Steven Gutman.

Indeed, the MammaPrint is much better at predicting who isn't likely to relapse than who is, Gutman said. He cited studies suggesting that when the MammaPrint predicts a woman is at high risk of cancer returning in five years, it will be right just a quarter of the time.

That compares with 95 percent accuracy if the woman is told she's

at low risk of a relapse.

"This information has to be used very carefully by physicians," Gutman said. "This is a complex test. It requires use by people who know their business."

MammaPrint is already sold in Europe, but it's unclear how soon sales here would begin. A U.S. spokesman for the Dutch manufacturer, Amsterdam-based Agendia, said he didn't know, and that a U.S. price hadn't been set.

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NOT SNICKERING: A commercial for Snickers — which showed two auto mechanics accidentally kissing while eating the same candy bar and then ripping out some chest hair to do something “manly” — launched during the Super Bowl was benched after complaints that it was homophobic.

Astronaut Is Charged in Love Feud

Authorities say Nowak aimed to kidnap, kill rival over shuttle pilot

ORLANDO, FLA. | A NASA astronaut accused of trying to kidnap a romantic rival for a space shuttle pilot's affections was charged with attempted first-degree murder Tuesday and jailed on \$25,000 bail.

“The intent was there to do serious bodily injury or death,” said Orlando Police Sgt. Barb Jones, referring to a new steel mallet, knife, rubber tubing and large garbage bags that police found in Lisa Marie Nowak's possession.

Nowak, a 43-year-old Navy captain and married mother of three, had already been charged with attempted kidnapping, attempted vehicle burglary with battery, and destruction of evidence and battery.

If convicted of attempted murder, she faces between 30 years and life in prison, authorities said.

Police said Nowak drove 900 miles, donned a disguise and was



ACCUSED: NASA astronaut Lisa Nowak makes her initial court appearance Tuesday. She is shown in photos from July, above left, and after her arrest, above right.

armed with a BB gun and pepper spray when she confronted a woman she believed was a competitor for the affections of Navy Cmdr. William Oefelein, an unmarried fellow astronaut.

Oefelein, 41, piloted the space shuttle Discovery in December. He and Nowak trained together but never flew a mission together.

Nowak told police that her relationship with Oefelein was “more



than a working relationship but less than a romantic relationship,” according to an arrest affidavit.

Inside Nowak's vehicle, authorities found a pepper spray package, an unused BB-gun cartridge, latex gloves and e-mails between Oefelein and Colleen Shipman. They also found a letter “that indicated how much Mrs. Nowak loved Mr. Oefelein” and Shipman's home address, the affidavit said.

Police said Nowak told them that she only wanted to scare Shipman into talking to her about her relationship and didn't want to harm her.

“If you were just going to talk to someone, I don't know that you would need a wig, a trench coat, an air cartridge BB gun and pepper spray,” Jones said. “It's just really a very sad case.” MIKE SCHNEIDER (AP)



Jeff Thayer of Indianapolis braves the snow and cold temperatures Tuesday.

Cold Blast Keeps Schools Closed In Midwest, N.Y.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. | After an unusually warm December and a mostly snow-free January, winter returned with a vengeance Tuesday to the upper Midwest and Northeast, dumping heavy snow on parts of New York and keeping temperatures well below zero in many cities.

The bitter cold and bone-chilling winds forced dozens of schools in New York, Wisconsin and Michigan to close for a second day, including districts in Buffalo, Rochester and Milwaukee. (AP)

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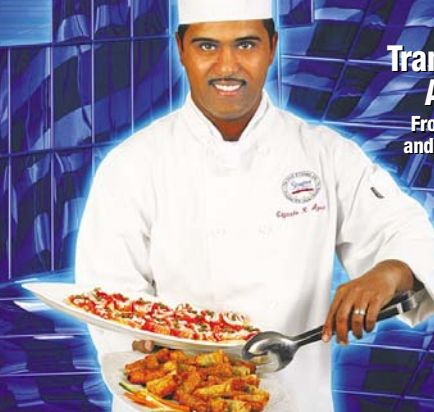
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The price, in billions of dollars, that Texas Gov. Rick Perry is proposing to sell the state lottery for in order to create an endowment for Texans without health insurance and a trust fund for cancer research.

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Libby Describes Lapse in Memory

Former Cheney aide's grand jury testimony played during trial

WASHINGTON | On grand jury audiotapes played at his trial on Tuesday, former White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby said he learned about a CIA officer from Vice President Dick Cheney, forgot it, then learned it again from NBC News reporter Tim Russert a month later.

The history of Libby's recollections is at the heart of his perjury and obstruction trial in exposing of the identity of Valerie Plame, a CIA employee, wife of war critic and former Ambassador Joseph Wilson.

Libby's 2004 grand jury testimony conflicts with testimony at his trial by a former White House press secretary, a former New York



I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, center, and his legal team on Tuesday listen to audiotapes of his 2004 grand jury testimony. When he knew a CIA officer's identity is at issue.

Times reporter, a recent vice presidential spokeswoman, a former CIA official and a former State Department undersecretary. All testified Libby discussed Plame with them.

In the audiotapes, Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald walked Libby through the Bush administration's response to Wilson's suggestion in 2003 that the government twisted prewar intelligence about Iraq. Libby told the grand jury he was "disturbed ... upset's a fair word, I guess" by Wilson's attack. As for Cheney, "I'm sure he was upset."

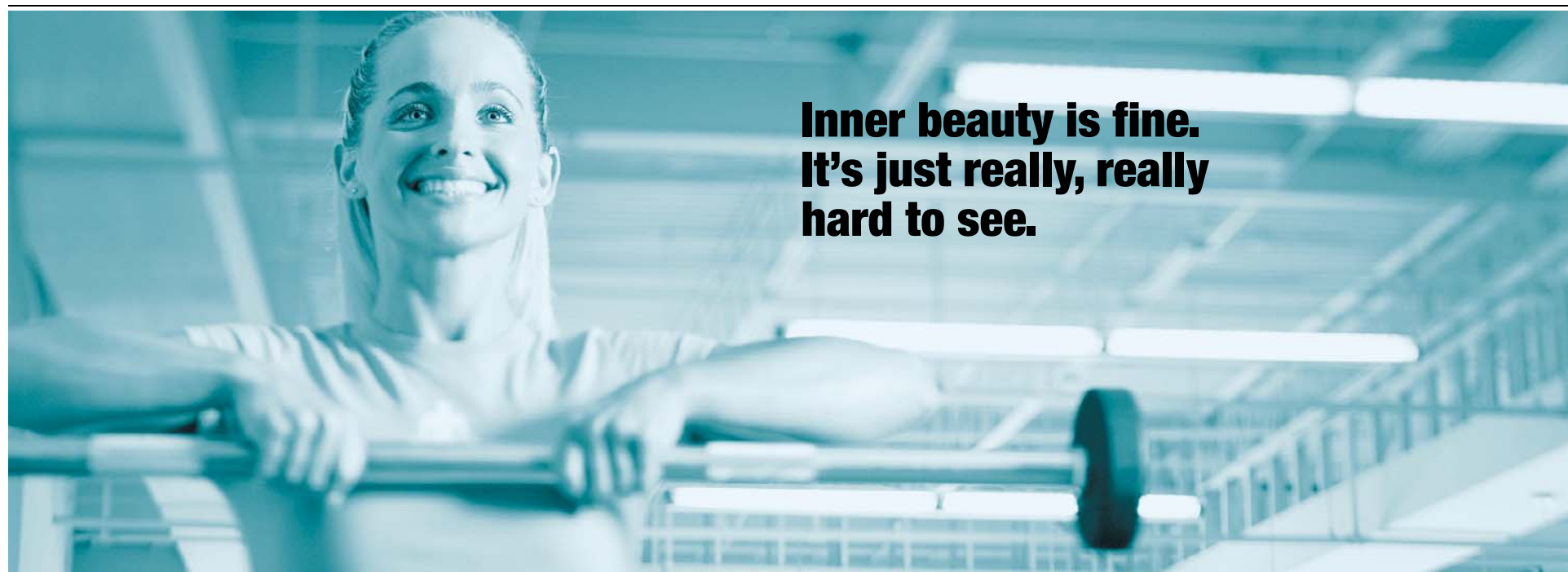
To rebut Wilson, Libby said Cheney told him to leak an intelligence report saying Iraq had "vigorously begun" trying to acquire uranium from Niger. "The vice president instructed me to go talk to Judith Miller to lay things out for her," Libby said. MATT APUZZO (AP)

Romney Ready To Announce Bid For Presidency

WASHINGTON | Republican Mitt Romney will formally announce his candidacy for U.S. president next week in Michigan, his native state and an important early test for the Republican nomination, campaign aides said Tuesday.

The former one-term Massachusetts governor will make his announcement Feb. 13 and then will visit Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina — the first states to hold 2008 electoral contests.

He will return to Boston two days later, where he will hold what his campaign is calling "a unity event" with supporters, aides said. They spoke on the condition of anonymity because the plans were not public. The announcement had been expected. (AP)



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NO SHOW: YouTube agreed Tuesday to post Japanese warnings against uploading copyrighted material onto its video-sharing Web site soon, a group of Japanese companies said. In October, YouTube deleted nearly 30,000 files after the group complained of copyright issues.

In Brief



A hard-hatted Bolivian miner shouts during a protest in La Paz on Tuesday.

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA

20,000 Miners March To Protest Plan for Tax Hike

More than 20,000 miners from across Bolivia marched into La Paz Tuesday, tossing bits of dynamite that sent booming explosions echoing through the streets in a protest of President Evo Morales' plans for a steep hike in mining taxes. The miners whistled and chanted as they filed through the center of the capital city in the protest against the tax proposal they say would unfairly burden hundreds of small independent miners' cooperatives. (AP)

RAWALPINDI, PAKISTAN

Police Shootout Averts Suicide Attack on Airport

Police thwarted a suicide attack on the airport serving Pakistan's capital late Tuesday, officials said. A shootout killed the assailant and wounded three police officers. It followed a Jan. 26 suicide bombing at Islamabad's Marriott Hotel and fueled fears that pro-Taliban militants could be targeting Pakistan's cities in retaliation for a recent army airstrike on an al-Qaeda hideout near the Afghan border. (AP)

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Officer: Accused Serial Killer Planned to Murder 75

Accused serial killer Robert Pickton said he planned to commit one more murder before stopping at 50, take a break and then kill another 25, an undercover officer testified Tuesday. The officer had been placed in a jail cell with Pickton, a pig farmer who is charged with 26 counts of murder. He is currently on trial for the first six charges. (AP)

Iraqi PM Urges Start of Crackdown

Al-Maliki says sweep beginning slowly; Iran angry over abduction

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki complained Tuesday the long-awaited Baghdad security operation was off to a slow start and warned that insurgents are taking advantage of the delay to kill as many people as possible.

But he also reassured Iraqis that security forces will live up to their responsibilities.

The statement came as new checkpoints were erected and increased vehicle inspections and foot patrols were reported in some neighborhoods — providing the main evidence so far that U.S.



An Iraqi soldier argues with a driver at a checkpoint in Baghdad on Tuesday.

and Iraqi forces were gearing up for a major neighborhood-to-neighborhood sweep to quell sectarian violence in the city of 6 million.

At least 51 Iraqis were killed or found dead around the country,

including eight slain by two car bombs in Baghdad.

"The operations will unite us and we will take action soon, God willing, even though I believe we've been very late and this delay has started to give a negative message," al-Maliki said in a meeting with military commanders.

Al-Maliki declared that Iraqi forces will live up to their responsibilities and told his commanders they must not disappoint those "who stand beside us."

Iran, meanwhile, condemned Sunday's abduction of an Iranian diplomat as he drove through Baghdad, saying it held the United States responsible for the diplomat's "safety and life."

One Iraqi government official

Banking on Bremer

→ House Democrats criticized ex-Iraq occupation czar L. Paul Bremer Tuesday for disbursing nearly \$9 billion in Iraqi oil revenue without tracking how Iraqi officials used the funds. | **Today, A Section**

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said the Iranian was detained Sunday by an Iraqi army unit that reports directly to the U.S. military. A military spokesman denied any U.S. troops or Iraqis that report to them were involved.

Suspicion also fell on a range of possible culprits — Iraqi commandos, rogue elements in the security forces, Sunni insurgents or criminals seeking ransom. KIM GAMEL (AP)



DIVISIONS: Palestinian backers of the ruling Hamas movement take part in an anti-Israeli demonstration in Gaza City Tuesday.

Saudis to Push for Palestinian Unity

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA | Palestinian factions on the brink of civil war gathered Tuesday in Mecca, Islam's holiest city, in a last-ditch effort to end their bloody conflict. The Saudi-led push is key to any future peace talks with Israel — and to Arab efforts to blunt Iran's growing power.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah and Khaled Mashaal, leader of the militant Hamas movement, flew to the

Saudi city of Jiddah before heading to Mecca to meet their host, King Abdullah, ahead of the start of talks Wednesday. The talks are open-ended, a reflection of Saudi Arabia's determination to keep them going until the Palestinians reach a deal for power-sharing.

Even as Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas left the Gaza Strip Tuesday for the talks, Hamas and Fatah security officials fired at each other for 10 minutes at

a Gaza-Egypt crossing terminal.

Beyond ending the intra-Palestinian bloodshed, a deal on power-sharing is vital for any resumption of the peace process. Israel has refused any talks since Hamas formed a government following January 2006 elections, and the West imposed a financial blockade on the Palestinian government because of Hamas' refusal to renounce violence and recognize Israel. DONNA ABU-NASR (AP)

Nations Pledge To Support Ban On Child Soldiers

PARIS | African, Asian and South American nations where child fighters have been used in war endorsed a new international agreement Tuesday that commits them to stopping the practice and punishing those who recruit youngsters as combatants.

Some nations hailed the text, which carries moral but no legal weight, as a breakthrough. But others said it may be no more than empty promises and that more than words are needed to rehabilitate children scarred by war.

"We've lost a whole generation of children," said Liberia's deputy minister of education, Hawa Goll-Kotchi. "It's scary."

Sierra Leone, Liberia, Congo, Sri Lanka, Colombia, Sudan and Somalia — just some of the nations where children have been recruited as fighters — were among nearly 60 countries that approved the so-called Paris Commitments. All 27 European Union nations also endorsed the text.

At least 250,000 boys and girls are believed to still be fighting in about a dozen conflicts worldwide, according to the U.N. (AP)

World



A Lebanese jewelry shop owner puts up a sign that reads "Don't talk about politics!" in Beirut in an effort to avert political spats that can turn into violent clashes.

Leaving Politics At Home in Beirut

Lebanese shop owners ask patrons to refrain from voicing opinions

BEIRUT, LEBANON | Beirut store owners are trying a new way to lower the sectarian tensions that have erupted into street violence: putting up signs banning any political talk in their shops.

It's one of the ways Lebanese are coping with the standoff between pro- and anti-government camps.

"It's better without politics," reads the sticker at the entrance of a pub on Gemayzeh Street in the Christian sector of Beirut.

At a gym across town, a sign says: "This is a place for sports so please refrain from expressing political opinions." And on the dashboard of a taxi cab, yellow sticky notes try to ban talk of politics.

The signs, which began as scattered individual initiatives,

have caught on, particularly after a political spat in the cafeteria of the Beirut Arab University on Jan. 25 turned into street riots that killed four people.

Politics is a national pastime for Lebanese. The topic inevitably arises when people meet, making for animated discussions.

But it has become explosive since the Hezbollah-led opposition launched its campaign of protests and sit-ins in Beirut on Dec. 1 seeking to topple the U.S.-backed government. Prime Minister Fuad Saniora has stood firm against the Iranian-backed Hezbollah's demand for more power in the Cabinet for it and its allies.

"I have customers from all religions and sects, I can't afford to have them fight with each other," said Oussama Mansour, a grocer who put up a sign asking customers to "Please refrain from discussing politics and religion." (AP)

U.K. Vet Falls Ill, Tested for Bird Flu

LONDON | A veterinarian who responded to the bird flu outbreak in eastern England is undergoing tests at a hospital after developing a chest infection, health officials said Tuesday.

The worker, who was not identified, was suffering from a mild respiratory illness and was under-

going tests, including one for bird flu, the Health Protection Agency said. In a statement, the health agency said it was "highly unlikely the worker has been exposed" to bird flu.

Bird flu has killed or prompted the culling of millions of birds worldwide since late 2003. (AP)

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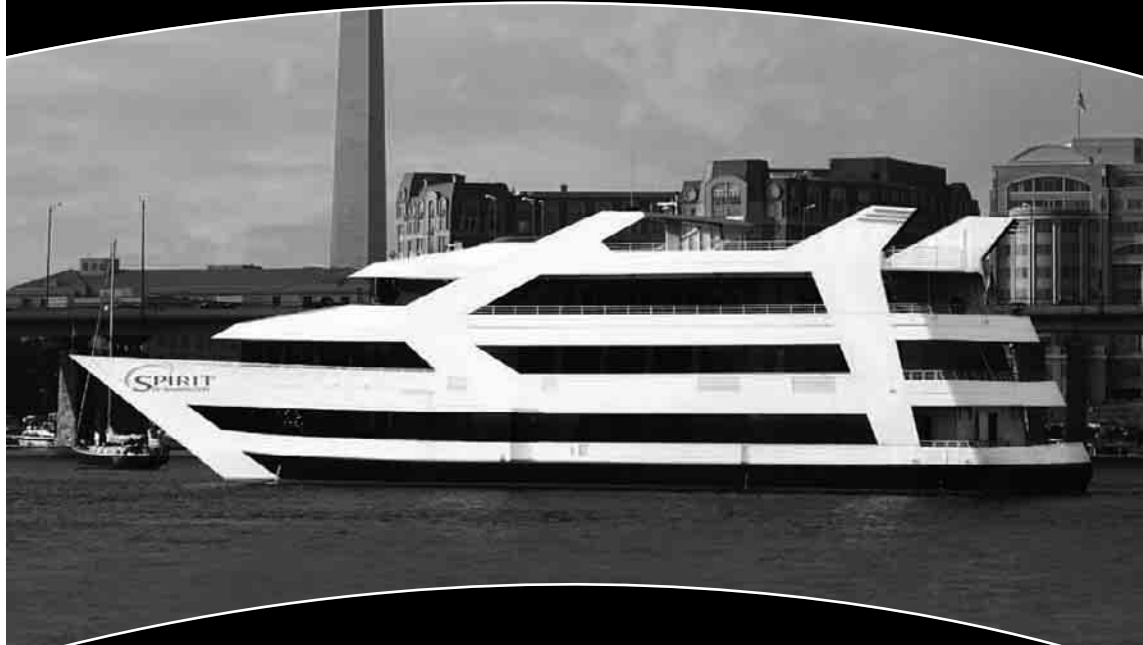
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World



A research scientist at Kenya's national museum in Nairobi display a replica of the skeleton of the prehistoric Turkana Boy, one of the world's most famous fossil finds.

Bony Controversy Surfaces in Kenya

Plan to display skeleton of prehistoric boy stirs debate over evolution

NAIROBI, KENYA | Deep in the dusty, unlit corridors of Kenya's national museum, locked away in a cabinet, is one of mankind's oldest relics: Turkana Boy, as he is known, the most complete skeleton of a prehistoric human ever found.

But his first public display later this year is at the heart of a growing storm — one pitting scientists against Kenya's powerful and popular evangelical Christian movement. The debate over evolution versus creationism — once largely confined to the U.S. — has arrived in a country known as the cradle of mankind.

"I did not evolve from Turkana Boy or anything like it," says Bishop Boniface Adoyo, head of Kenya's 35 evangelical denominations. "These sorts of silly views are killing our faith."

He's calling on his flock to boycott the exhibition and has demanded the museum put the collection in a back room — along with some kind of notice saying evolution is merely one of a number of theories.

Against him is one of the planet's best-known fossil hunters, Richard

Leakey, whose team unearthed the bones at Nariokotome in West Turkana, Kenya, in 1984.

"Whether the bishop likes it or not, Turkana Boy is a distant relation of his," Leakey, who founded the museum's prehistory department, said.

Among the 160,000 fossils due to go on display is an imprint of a lizard left in sedimentary rock, dating back 200 million years. But the highlight will be the 5-foot-3-inch Turkana Boy, who died at age 12 and whose skeleton had been preserved in marshland before its discovery.

The collection provides the clearest record yet of evolution and the origins of man, say scientists.

Followers of creationism believe in the literal truth of the Genesis account in the Bible that God created the world in six days. Bishop Adoyo believes the world was created 12,000 years ago, with man appearing 6,000 years later.

"Turkana Boy is our jewel," said Dr. Emma Mbua, the head of paleontology at the museum. "For the first time, we will be taking him out of the strong room and showing our heritage to the world."

ANTHONY MITCHELL (AP)

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The amount, in dollars, of an increase in Virginia car registration fees in a transportation package that passed 61 to 37 on Tuesday in the House. A diesel fuel tax increase and higher abusive driving penalties were also included.

Local

Culture Boost in Budget

D.C.'s museums would see a jump in finances in Bush funding plan

WASHINGTON | The Bush administration's proposed budget for fiscal 2008 includes a boost in funding for some of Washington's museums and federal cultural agencies.

The Smithsonian Institution, the largest of the cultural organizations, would get \$678.4 million under the proposal. If Congress passes a budget at that funding level, the Smithsonian's funding would include an increase of more than \$20 million for mandated federal salary increases, utilities and rents.

The budget also includes \$18 million for improvements at the National Zoo, including \$9 million for a new elephant habitat, \$10 million for improvements at a storage facility and \$9.9 million for planning for the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Salaries and expenses account for \$571.3 million of the Smithsonian's federal funds. The museum and research complex has about 6,000 employees, 4,000 of which are paid with federal funds. (AP)

Apartment Fire Displaces 150

GAITHERSBURG, MD. | About 150 people who live at an apartment complex have been put out of their homes because of an electrical fire.

County fire officials say a resident of the Cider Mill Apartments on Lost Knife Circle discovered the fire Tuesday morning in a laundry room.

Firefighters put it out quickly, but Pepco had to cut off power to several buildings.

The management company is helping the residents find a place to stay. (AP)

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SCREENING PROCESS: Prince George's County, Md., schools Chief Executive Officer John E. Deasy visits Oxon Hill Middle School on Tuesday. Within a month after leaving the Santa Monica, Calif., school district to take the job in May, he visited 20 of the county's 205 schools. He has now been to more than half the schools, often on unannounced visits.

Metro Testing Bus Safety Devices

WASHINGTON | Metro is testing a new safety device to help prevent bus collisions.

The transit agency has installed the ultrasonic detection system on 50 buses in Northern Virginia. The system helps bus drivers avoid objects in their most critical blind spots —

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Punishment Over For Protesters

WASHINGTON | Gallaudet University interim President Robert Davila says there will be no further punishment for more than 130 people who were arrested last fall, when the campus was shut down by protests about the selection of the next president.

The word from Davila came Tuesday in a message to the campus.

Also, the federal government has upgraded the school's performance to "adequate" in a revised report issued Monday. The Office of Management and Budget rated the school "ineffective" last year, but agreed to reassess the school after officials questioned the findings. (AP)

Monitor: Disabled Still Suffer

Official says District's poor care for mental patients is unchanged

WASHINGTON | The District government continues to provide inadequate health care and behavioral services for disabled residents at some of its group homes and has a critical need for an independent investigation process into deaths, a federal court monitor said Tuesday.

Elizabeth Jones, court monitor in a class-action lawsuit against the District about care of the mentally disabled, acknowledged in federal court Tuesday that the Fenty administration has promised improvements in services and care. But in her latest quarterly status report, Jones described a "vulnerable" group of clients "who live in the here and now" and whose situations have not improved significantly.

"There has yet to be a pattern of improvement in any area," Jones told a U.S. District Court judge.

Huvelle threatened last year to place D.C.'s mental retardation agency into court receivership unless major reforms were made. SUE ANN PRESSLEY MONTES (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Woodstove Is Blamed in Blaze

BROOKVILLE, MD. | County investigators believe a malfunctioning woodstove is to blame for a fire that left a family temporarily homeless Tuesday.

The fire broke out in the basement of a single family home just before 8:30 a.m.

County Fire and Rescue spokesman Pete Piringier said the homeowner lit a woodstove that hadn't been used recently, then went out for breakfast. When he came home, the house was on fire.

Damage is estimated at about \$700,000. (AP)

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Rolling Cash Five	19-31-30-1-35
Daily 6	10-36-4-12-3-20 (18)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	5-0-7
Evening Pick 3	5-4-5

Mid-day Pick 4	4-0-6-6
Evening Pick 4	9-7-0-6
Match 5	15-24-27-37-38 (12)

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.)	4-9-7
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	6-2-4
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)	0-5-0-0

Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	6-3-7-1
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Money

Former AOL Execs Cleared

Men were accused of conspiring to inflate software firm's revenue

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | Two former midlevel executives at America Online were acquitted Tuesday on all counts of charges they conspired with a now-defunct Las Vegas software firm to inflate its revenue with secret side deals and backdated contracts.

A third defendant, a senior executive at Las Vegas-based PurchasePro, also was found not guilty on all counts.

The verdicts brought to a close one of the longest trials in the history of the federal courthouse in Alexandria. The trial lasted more



Tuli

Wakeford

than three months, but the jury took only two full days of deliberations to reach its verdict.

John Tuli, 39, of Weston, Mass., a former vice president in AOL's Net-Business unit; Kent Wakeford, 38, of New York, N.Y., a former executive director in AOL's business affairs unit; and Christopher Benyo, 45, of Greer, S.C., a former senior vice president of marketing at PurchasePro, had been accused of con-

spiracy and abetting stock fraud by deceiving PurchasePro stockholders about the company's revenue in the first quarter of 2001 as the dot-com economy collapsed.

At the time, PurchasePro was leaning heavily on its partnership with AOL to supply revenue; prosecutors said AOL was motivated to assist PurchasePro's fraud because AOL received a commission every time it helped sell PurchasePro's core product, a "marketplace license" that supposedly facilitated business-to-business transactions over the Internet.

The alleged ringleader of the scheme, outspoken PurchasePro founder Charles "Junior" Johnson, is scheduled to go on trial in August. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Wal-Mart to Face Gender Bias Suit

SAN FRANCISCO | A federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest private employer, must face a class-action lawsuit alleging female employees were discriminated against in pay and promotions.

The ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholds a 2004 federal judge's decision to let the nation's largest class-action employment discrimination lawsuit go to

trial. The suit claims that as many as 1.5 million current and former female employees earned less than men and were bypassed for promotions.

Wal-Mart claimed that the conventional rules of class actions should not apply in the case because its 3,400 stores, including Sam's Club warehouse outlets, operate like independent businesses, and that the company did not have a

policy of discriminating against women.

But the court, in a 2-1 decision, disagreed.

"Plaintiff's expert opinions, factual evidence, statistical evidence and anecdotal evidence present significant proof of a corporate policy of discrimination and support plaintiff's contention that female employees nationwide were subjected to a common pattern and practice of discrimination," the court wrote. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Sirva If	3.70	+52	+16.4
MGIC	70.09	+7.16	+11.4
Avon	38.00	+3.38	+9.8
NOiIVarco	65.68	+5.65	+9.4
Radian	66.51	+5.67	+9.3

Losers

Prestige	10.99	-1.71	-13.5
BP Pru	67.10	-6.60	-9.0
EscoTech	45.01	-3.57	-7.3
Nelnet	23.38	-1.67	-6.7
PlaybyA	10.41	-7.5	-6.7

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Overstk	17.90	+3.24	+22.1
RschFrnt	9.32	+1.63	+21.2
NuanceCm	13.42	+2.08	+18.3
HandEnt n	4.14	+62	+17.6
Iomai	6.04	+02	+0.3

Losers

Globalstr n	10.40	-4.08	-28.2
Encorium	4.57	-1.65	-26.5
ArtTech	2.22	-45	-16.9
Rotech	2.82	-57	-16.8
Polydex	2.30	-45	-16.4

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.25
3-month disc	5.01	5.01
2-year	4.90	4.97
10-year	4.77	4.87
30-year	4.87	4.98

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5075	.5103	.5723
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European Euro	.7705	.7735	.8358
Japanese Yen	120.08	120.35	118.97
Mexican Peso	10.9276	10.9195	10.4450
Taiwanese Dollar	32.98	32.93	32.08

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Disney	35.19	-07	+2.7
EchoStar	41.29	+29	+8.6
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Cars



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More Human Than Hybrid

Although Ford's woes affect the eco SUV, Escape's a tough guy

ROAD TEST | Sometimes you can't help but anthropomorphize cars. Some overly empathetic fold in your brain wants to make a steel-and-glass thing into a character, a persona, an avatar, a material semblance of the people and the company that built it. If you've walked through car factories, you won't forget that behind even the most unlovely and unloved vehicle there are 1,000 peo-

ple pulling their guts out to make it great, and trying to keep their jobs besides. What matters is the thing itself, and, yet, you'd have to be made of stone not to register the desperate circumstances from which some vehicles emerge.

You cry at puppy shows. You are not made of stone.

The redesigned 2008 Ford Escape in showrooms is not all it could have been. In the fastest-growing, most competitive segment in the market — that is, small SUVs/crossovers — the Escape gets by with an exterior and interior remodeling, a fluffing



ANNE WELLS/L.A. TIMES

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Escape debuted six years ago.

Since then, the Escape has sold more than 1 million copies — that's the good news — but in those same years Ford has taken it in the neck, brutalized by rising gas prices and steep declines in sales of its cash livestock: full-size SUVs and trucks. In the shadow of a \$12 billion loss in 2006 and a traumatic restructuring of its North American operations, Ford is in pretty sorry shape.

Inevitably, these travails have put a crimp in product development, and nowhere is that clearer than in the Ford Escape Hybrid. And yet — here's where the anthropomorphizing comes in — the Escape Hybrid puts up a heroic fight against these lowered expectations.

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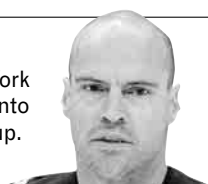
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RETURN OF THE MESSIAH: Future Hall of Famer Mark Messier said he plans to talk to New York Rangers General Manager Glen Sather about taking over as GM when Sather leaves, the Toronto Sun reported. Messier, the game's second-leading scorer, led New York to the 1994 Stanley Cup.



Sports

Blatche Seizes Precious Opportunity

Young forward takes advantage of minutes with Jamison sidelined

WIZARDS | One trip down the floor, he's guarding Lamar Odom. The next, he's on Kobe Bryant.

On offense he's under the basket trying for putbacks or out on the perimeter, looking for an open 3-pointer. No matter where he is, 20-year-old Andray Blatche is running hard and flailing his lanky arms. The 6-foot-11 forward knows the minutes he's getting now might be fleeting, so he's going to get his money's worth.

"I try to come out and just rebound and be the energy guy," Blatche said. "I'm going to keep pushing hard in practice and when I get into the game I'm going to go hard like I'm the last guy on the floor."

Blatche started getting some increased playing time earlier this year — playing 21 minutes against



HIGH RISER: Andray Blatche dunks the ball for two of his seven points in Saturday's loss to the Lakers. Blatche is averaging 17 minutes per game the last three games.

Dog Days of Summer

→ They were praised for stepping up and playing for their country, but now many members of the men's national team are suffering the effects of playing and travelling all summer. | **Today, Sports**

IN The Washington Post

Milwaukee on Jan. 3 and scoring 10 points against San Antonio just 10 days later — but, since Antawn Jamison injured his knee two weeks ago, the youngster has been asked to step up into a bigger role.

Heading into Wednesday's home game against the Spurs, he's averaging about 17 minutes per game since Jamison's injury, and during Monday's win over Seattle, Blatche put in a career-high 14 points. He also grabbed seven rebounds, giving him 17 in the last three games.

"I think Calvin [Booth] and Andray changed the game around," guard DeShawn Stevenson told reporters after Monday's game.

"The first half we were out there in a bad situation. Not smiling, not getting back on defense and in the third quarter they brought some life ... and we fed off of that."

Blatche is by no means a finished product. The third-to-last high schooler ever to be drafted into the NBA, he's still one of the youngest guys in the league, and his game is still raw. He's had a lazy pass stolen in each of the last two games, consistently gets into foul trouble and admitted that he has to learn not to fall for pump fakes.

But he's stronger and better conditioned than he was last year, and his defense has significantly improved. Coach Eddie Jordan is impressed with the forward's stamina, and the coach said he's done well in practice as well. Whether that adds up more playing time over the long haul is still unclear.

"That's the life of the NBA," Jordan said. "You're going to get some minutes and then the matchups come along where you're not getting minutes — especially at a young age like he is. You just have to live with it." IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

Shoulder Sidelines Suns' Nash

NBA | All-Star point guard Steve Nash will miss the Phoenix Suns' game at Portland on Tuesday night because of inflammation in his right shoulder.

The NBA's two-time defending MVP didn't play in the second half of the Suns' 113-108 victory in Denver on Monday night.

That didn't stop him from lecturing his teammates after a lethargic first half. The team responded with a strong second half for its 38th victory of the season.

Nash said he first felt soreness in the shoulder when he got out of bed Thursday and it has worsened since.

After Tuesday's game, the Suns don't play again until Friday, when they are home against Atlanta.

Nash is averaging career highs of 19.3 points and an NBA-leading 11.8 assists per game. (AP)

SEC Teams Are Landing Top Classes

Gators are expected to follow title with nation's best recruits

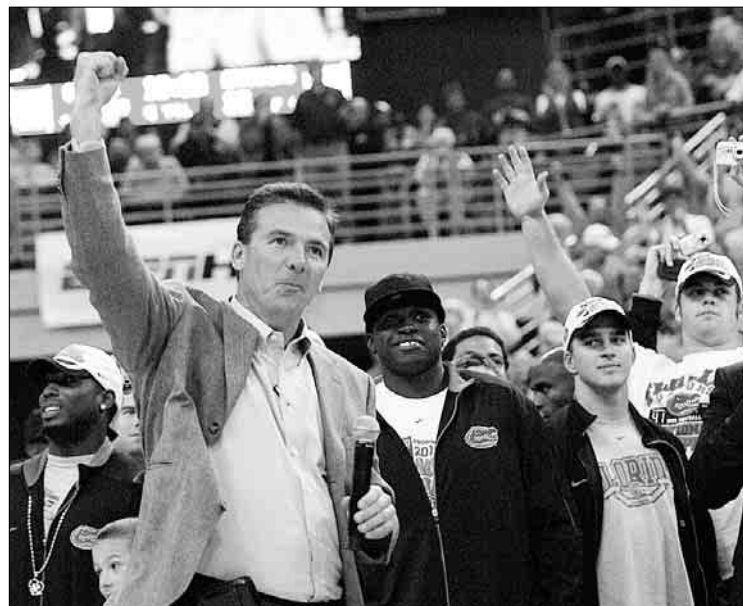
COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Those Southeastern Conference football teams are at it again, jockeying for position and vying for Top 10 rankings.

This time they have been racking up wins not on the field but in the living rooms of top recruits. Six SEC teams are likely to land Top 10-rated recruiting classes Wednesday, national signing day.

"I've been doing this for 28 years and this will be the first time there will be six," said Tom Lemming, recruiting analyst for College Sports Television.

In the ratings game, Florida is expected to follow up its national championship with the No. 1 recruiting class.

Recruiting classes, like mutual funds, come with the disclaimers that "past performance is no guarantee of future success," but it doesn't hurt either.



Florida coach Urban Meyer, left, led the Gators to a national championship on the football field this year. Now he's preparing to get the nation's No. 1 recruiting class.

"It bodes well for the future of the conference, which right now is the best conference in college football," Lemming said. "With the way they're recruiting, it could be awhile before they relinquish that."

Following close behind the Gators is East Division rival Tennessee, a consensus No. 2 pick leading up to

college football's busiest signing day. The ratings could still get shuffled Wednesday, when some coveted recruits will make their announcements or even switch schools.

The verbal commitments are nonbinding until schools receive signed letters-of-intent.

South Carolina, LSU, Georgia and Auburn are also in position for Top 10 classes in rankings compiled by both Lemming and Rivals.com. Southern California, Texas and Notre Dame are also among those hauling in highly rated classes as usual, but the top SEC teams are collecting an impressive lineup.

It's no mystery why, either. There are enormous pools of talent in states like Florida, and three SEC teams finished ranked in the Top 10 after last season.

Plus, there are big-name coaches with national championships on their resumes: Florida's Urban Meyer, Tennessee's Phillip Fulmer, South Carolina's Steve Spurrier (at Florida) and Alabama's Nick Saban (at LSU). JOHN ZENOR (AP)

Low blows: The recruiting trail can get nasty sometimes, with college coaches pitting recruit against recruit to pressure them for a commitment. | **Today's Post, Sports**

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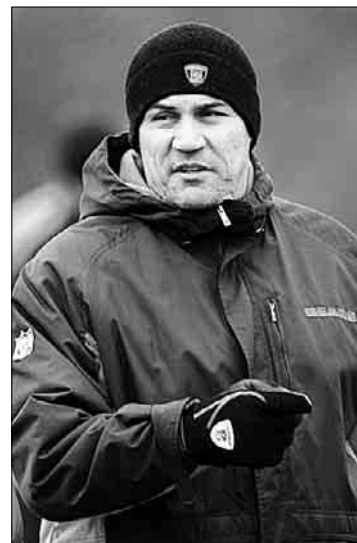
Cowboys meet with Bears' D coordinator days after Super Bowl

NFL | Waiting two hours on a Chicago runway, Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera wondered if icy weather really was delaying his flight to a job interview in Dallas.

"There was a vicious rumor going around Chicago didn't want me to leave so they weren't going to let the plane go," Rivera said, laughing.

Rivera finally arrived at Cowboys headquarters around 4 p.m. Tuesday. He spoke with reporters before meeting with team owner Jerry Jones to discuss the head coaching vacancy created when Bill Parcells retired more than two weeks ago.

Rivera didn't officially become a candidate until speaking with Jones for a few minutes Monday night. However, he'd been expecting the call since Jones decided to



Bears coordinator Ron Rivera interviewed with the Cowboys on Tuesday.

hold the job open through Super Bowl week, when Rivera was off-limits because he was getting his team ready for the game.

"Just the fact that Mr. Jones waited until now, that bodes well

for me," Rivera said.

Rivera was the ninth person Jones interviewed. Indianapolis quarterbacks coach Jim Caldwell will become No. 10 on Wednesday.

Having lost to Caldwell and the Colts on Sunday, Rivera spent Monday stewing over it. He was glad to have had a day in between the game and the get-together with Jones.

"It gave me a chance to go through some things in my mind and have a feel for them," he said. "I had a little chance to take a quick look at the Cowboys one last time."

What did he see?

"Some things that can be implemented to really help this defense," he said.

Dallas went 9-7 this past season, with a loss to Seattle in the first round of the playoffs. The Cowboys, who haven't won a playoff game since 1996, collapsed in December and January primarily because of breakdowns on defense. (AP)

Barber Ends Career With Pro Bowl

'Family vacation' lets Tiki play with brother Ronde one more time

NFL | Tiki Barber will end his football career much like it began when he was 8 years old — with a wide grin and as teammates with his twin brother.

The Pro Bowl on Saturday will be the final game for Barber, who is retiring after 10 seasons with the New York Giants. His brother Ronde, from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, is a cornerback on the NFC team.

"It's like a family vacation paid for by the NFL," said Barber, who goes out as the NFL's 17th leading rusher with 10,449 yards.

Wearing a floral lei and looking out at the Waikiki skyline, Tiki Barber said he has no second thoughts about his decision to retire.

"It's exciting, really, because I had a great career and it ended on my terms," he said. "I wasn't carried off the field on a stretcher. I



Tiki Barber, right, finished his career with 10,449 yards (17th all-time) but without a Super Bowl ring. The Giants running back will play in his last Pro Bowl this weekend.

didn't sustain a major injury that prevented me from doing what I love to do. Now I get to do something else."

His only regret is not being able to win a Super Bowl. He played in the game in 2001 when the Giants were beaten by the Baltimore

Ravens.

"My fear, which ultimately came true, is I wouldn't get a chance to try again," he said. "That's the NFL and the unpredictable nature of team sports. There's been a lot of greats that never got a chance to even play."

JAYMES SONG (AP)

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REDS GIVE GREEN: The Cincinnati Reds avoided arbitration with right-handed pitcher Aaron Harang by making him the team's highest-paid pitcher. Harang, who was tied for the NL lead with 16 wins and led the league with 216 strikeouts, agreed to a four-year, \$36.5 million deal.



Sports

Beckham a Lure for Season Tickets

Full-season buyers get first dibs on star's Aug. 9 game vs. United

UNITED | Soccer superstar David Beckham is scheduled to make his first appearance at RFK Stadium on Aug. 9 when the Los Angeles Galaxy visits D.C. United, but fans interested in buying tickets for the game will have to wait until July.

Tickets for the Galaxy's only visit to Washington are initially available only to those who purchase full season packages, United officials said yesterday. The match will not be included in half-season or flex plans, although those buyers will be placed on a priority list with an option of ordering seats at a later date.

"From a business standpoint,



STAR POWER: David Beckham and the L.A. Galaxy are set to play D.C. United on Aug. 9, but tickets won't go on sale until July.

this is about making sure people don't cherry-pick the Los Angeles game," United senior vice president Stephen Zack said. "We want people to be exposed to D.C. United, not just to see David Beckham play once."

This spring the team will also offer a five-game ticket package, which will include the Los Angeles game as well as the MLS Cup at RFK on Nov. 19.

Individual tickets for Beckham's visit are tentatively scheduled to go on sale July 2, according to Zack. Tickets to the other 14 regular season home matches will be available March 5. United is prepared to open sections in the upper deck of RFK for the L.A. game, increasing capacity to approximately 41,000, Zack said.

MLS was able to configure its master schedule so Beckham would appear in every city, except Dallas, the latter portion of the season.

STEVEN GOFF (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Sports

UNC, Duke Are 'Wounded'

In a strange scenario, Heels and Devils meet coming off of defeats

COLLEGE HOOPS | For all the talk about the intensity of the North Carolina-Duke rivalry, DeMarcus Nelson seems more concerned — even fixated — on something else just a day before the teams' latest meeting at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Ending the 16th-ranked Blue Devils' two-game losing streak.

"This is a very critical moment for our team's success," Nelson said Tuesday. "The game is bigger than just playing North Carolina for us. It's about our season."

Just a few miles down the road in Chapel Hill, the mood is similar — albeit with less urgency — after the fifth-ranked Tar Heels' surprising loss at North Carolina State.

"We're wounded a little bit. They're wounded a little bit," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said.

It's an unusual dynamic for col-



FLOORED: Duke players Josh McRoberts, left, and Greg Paulus, right, squat on the floor after the Blue Devils' 68-67 loss to Florida State, Duke's second straight loss.

lege basketball's most intense rivalry, where losses are typically little more than hiccups on the way to Atlantic Coast Conference championships and trips to the Final Four. Wednesday night's game will mark the first time since 2003 and only the fifth time since the 1975-76 season that both teams enter the game

after a loss.

"This is always going to be the biggest game of the season for everybody, especially being so close and the rivalry and the tradition of the game," North Carolina sophomore Marcus Ginyard said. "But nobody wants to get that extra loss in after a loss." AARON BEARD (AP)

Jansen Signs a 5-Year Extension

REDSKINS | Washington Redskins right tackle Jon Jansen signed a five-year, \$23 million contract extension Tuesday.

Jansen is the team's longest tenured player and had two years left on his previous contract, but he agreed to a new deal that includes more than \$10 million in bonus money. It also gives the Redskins some salary cap relief for the 2007 free agency signing period.

Jansen, who turned 31 last month, was the team's most reliable player during his first five seasons in Washington — never missing a start — but his last three years have



OT Jon Jansen, right, walks with coach Joe Gibbs during 2006 training camp.

been marred by injuries.

"Jon's been a big part of the success we've had on our offensive line and we're pleased to have this deal done," coach Joe Gibbs said. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WIZARDS (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) The Wizards proved they could win without Antawn Jamison on Monday against the Sonics. Now they get a chance to try to win against a good team: the Spurs.

HOYAS HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) No. 22 Georgetown is back in the Top 25. To stay there, they'll need to pick up some more wins, and tonight's road game at

Louisville could be a big one.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN AND 7 P.M. ON ESPN2) Some call it the best rivalry in college hoops: North Carolina at Duke. The Cameron Crazies have been tenting for weeks in preparation for the Tar Heels' arrival. That game is preceded by the less-hyped in-state matchup: Illinois at Northwestern.

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Travel

When Pigs Fly

Bologna trades in its slaughterhouses for a tribute to the arts

CULTURE | Thanks in part to its location near the Reno River, Bologna has long been a manufacturing hub. But these days, the city is making an effort to manufacture something of a more creative nature: modern art and design.

Bologna was named a European Capital of Culture in 2000; as a result, it raised \$10 million to transform a blighted neighborhood in the northwest — a 15-minute walk from the city center — into an arts hub. Up to that point, a former slaughterhouse, salt warehouse and tobacco warehouse had stood deserted. Now, a million-square-foot area is being refashioned into a complex called Manifattura delle Arti, or Factory of the Arts.

The former slaughterhouse was gutted in 2003, then turned into the Cineteca, a center for film research and restoration. It houses the Charlie Chaplin film archives. In a connected building are two art-house theaters named after Auguste and Louis Lumière, who held the first public movie screening in Paris in 1895.

"When we opened, they ran a film about the area," said Cecilia Cenciarelli, coordinator of the archives. "They interviewed this old man who talked about seeing a pig get slaughtered. It was incredibly funny."

Across the way, the salt warehouse was converted into a new home for Cassero, the city's gay and lesbian center. There's a disco and a backyard garden, where raucous parties



Visitors walk toward the Palazzo del Podestà in Bologna, Italy. Once a center of manufacturing, Bologna has revitalized its arts programs over the past decade.



Fontana del Nettuno is an example of Bologna's new focus on the arts.

take place on summer nights.

Art galleries, design shops and lounges are sprouting up all around the district.

Giulia Allegri, born and raised in Bologna, didn't think twice about returning after studying in Ravenna. She opened her gallery, Agenzia 04, in the Manifattura area in 2004. "I felt like something was happening here," she said.

Allegri's success attracted new businesses like Galleria Neon, which shows contemporary artists, and Metropolis Photogallery, a shop that sells furniture as well as photography. Gallery owners and visitors now meet up for drinks at Stile Libero. Nearby, a store called Fratelli Broche stocks Italian housewares, vintage clothing and accessories. "We all go to each other's openings, and we all know and support each other," says Allegri.

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QUICK CHANGE: Fresh off the mega-hit "Night at the Museum," director Shawn Levy has signed on to direct "The Flash," the silver-screen adaptation of the DC Comics superhero speedster. The script is still being written, so no word about when the movie will hit multiplexes.



Entertainment

Kat's Out of the Bag

Katharine McPhee steps out on her own with a post-'Idol' CD

DEBUT | Katharine McPhee is at the vertiginous moment of her career when she can still stroll through coffee shops and not create a major commotion. She's famous as a reality star — the winsome runner-up from last season's "American Idol" — but she's not yet a genuine rock star in her own right, and her new album, "Katharine McPhee," will largely determine whether McPhee ascends into the winner's circle of Kelly Clarkson and Carrie Underwood or joins the crew of "Idol" has-beens such as Justin Guarini.

So often on "Idol," McPhee seemed a beautiful girl with a beautiful voice in search of an identity. "I think the hardest thing about that show is finding who you are in front of everybody else in the whole world," she said. Especially for her because, "and I don't mean this egotistically. I am a little bit versatile. I can sound like the singer who sings jazz. I could do my little R&B, so it made it difficult for people to pinpoint me."

The new album appears to be a snapshot of McPhee at this point in time. Her image and sound have gone a little more sultry. The



'THE SOUL PATROL CAN KISS MY BEHIND': After losing to Taylor Hicks on "American Idol," Katharine McPhee could have become the new Justin Guarini: a has-been.

cover features McPhee in a loose but clingy gold-and-black striped sweater dress, her legs provocatively splayed, encased in foreboding thigh-high black leather boots.

The songs alternate between power ballads and up-tempo girl-power tunes. She and her record company had intended to just sit back and see what songs were sent to them by songwriters, but McPhee wasn't happy. So the record company packed her off to Virginia Beach, Va., for 10 days to work with Nate "Danja" Hills, the record producer who co-produced (with Timbaland) Nelly Furtado's hit single "Promiscuous" and Justin Timberlake's "SexyBack." They produced nine songs in 10 days, including three to which McPhee contributed lyrics.

It's clear as she talks that McPhee isn't the simple ingenue she so often appeared to be on "Idol" — and she went further to crush that image when the contest was over, telling People magazine that she had been bulimic for five years. McPhee decided to go public because she felt the responsibility of the little girls looking up to her. When a People reporter asked how she had lost weight, she decided impulsively to come clean. "I am so sick of, like, having to be just like every other Hollywood story."

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Last year was busy for sassy political pundit Ana Marie Cox. Her first novel, "Dog Days," was published, she left the Wonkette blog and she became the Washington editor of Time magazine's Web site. She's in the process of working on a non-fiction book, but first she's out hyping the brand-new paperback version of "Dog Days."

→ Olsson's, 1307 19th St. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-785-1133. (Dupont Circle)

To read our conversation with Ana Marie Cox, visit readexpress.com

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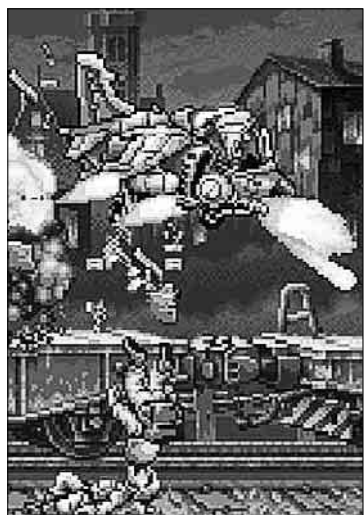
Time to See 'Red'

As part of its exhibit "Red," a survey of the color's uses and meanings through the centuries, the Textile Museum jumps the Valentine's Day gun and offers a guided tour, food, drinks and that most potent of aphrodisiacs — harp music.

→ Textile Museum, 2320 S St. NW; 6 p.m., \$12; 202-667-0441. (Dupont Circle)

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'METAL SLUG' SOLID: An arcade classic is brought home in all its blocky glory.

'Slug' Moves Manically

Classic side-scrolling, button-mashing video game is revived for Wii

VIDEO GAME | "Metal Slug Anthology" successfully revives the side-scrolling video game genre for the Wii generation — though it will likely cause a few hand blisters in the process. This collection of seven classic "Metal Slug" games has been tweaked for the Wii's wireless, motion sensitive remote controller

with six different ways to guide the frantic on-screen action.

The series was originally released in the 1990s as an arcade game. It quickly became a cult hit with its mix of futuristic warfare, humor, insane difficulty and — for then, anyway — excellent, smoothly animated graphics. The cartoonish visuals look dated now, but this collection represents gaming at its most pure and demanding.

There's a bit of a plot involving recurring gun-toting protagonist

Marco Rossi and his battles with the nefarious General Morden, but you'll hardly have time to notice the story because the games are so fast-paced. My fingers were killing me from all the button mashing, but I couldn't help but grin as I plowed through endless waves of grenade-tossing soldiers and an array of giant boss enemies.

"Metal Slug Anthology" is a great collection of one of the most action-packed video games ever made. MATT SLAGLE (AP)



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8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

BLOOD AND CHOCOLATE (PG13) 4:50, 7:50
THE DEPARTED (R) 4:00, 7:00
THE HITCHER (R) 4:10, 6:10, 8:10
ALPHA DOG (R) 7:30
ARTHUR AND THE INVISIBLES (PG) 4:30
BORAT (R) 4:05, 6:00, 8:00

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VOLVER (R) 4:20, 7:20
BABEL (R) 4:10, 7:10
THE QUEEN (PG13) 4:40, 7:40

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220

CONSTELLATION (PG13) 12:55, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15
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1350 19th St.
1-800-FANDANGO #711

SCREAMERS (R) 5:15, 8:00

AMC SELECT
BABEL (R) 4:00, 7:00
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 4:45
OPAL DREAM (PG) 5:00, 7:30
THE HISTORY BOYS (R) 7:45
LITTLE CHILDREN (R) 4:20, 7:20

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
1-800-FANDANGO #713

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703-998-4262

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HAPPILY N'EVER AFTER (PG) 4:35
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 4:45, 7:30
THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG13) 4:50, 7:45

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AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
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2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

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LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda
1-800-FANDANGO #741

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'The Dark Tower' gets illustrated for a new Marvel Comics series

COMICS | Stephen King's "The Dark Tower," a magnum opus about a haunted gunslinger on a quest for a mysterious spire, stretched out over 22 years, seven novels and 4,272 pages of eerie adventure.

But here's the really spooky thing: King fans want more.

Now they're about to get it, although King is taking his readership to a new place that might scare some off. "The Dark Tower: The Gunslinger Born," the Marvel Comics series, launches Wednesday. Despite that intense interest, King knows he will have to persuade many longtime readers that comics are more than juvenilia.

"These comics aren't junk food; they're more like delicacies," King



KING COMIC: The horror master turned his "Dark Tower" into a comics series.

said. "Sushi for the mind, if you like. You have to teach yourself how to read 'adult comics,' which are actually comic/novel hybrids ... and even then you have to give yourself to the experience, which means accepting the idea that you'll need to work a bit as you do with any good novel."

As with his novels, King's move into comics is fraught with subplots. One big one: "The Dark Tower" finished with a fizzle in 2004 — many fans complained of a letdown with the saga's final pages and the fuzzy fate of Roland Deschain, the nomadic hero armed with Winchester revolvers in the face of mutants and magic.

The new "Dark Tower" project provides a chance for King "to make it right," noted Jud Meyers, co-owner of Earth-2 Comics in Los Angeles.

"With the last novel's ending, there really was a sense of 'You must be kidding,' so that certainly adds to the anticipation for the comics," Meyers said.

For his part, King promises plenty of shocks in the "Dark Tower" series, which will be drawn by fan-favorite comics artist Jae Lee.

GEOFF BOUCHER (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



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'WAR' DELAYED: After TV critics grumbled, PBS decided not to launch Ken Burns' anticipated new documentary, "The War," his look at World War II, at the same time commercial networks kicked off their 2007 fall series. Now it will begin a week later on Sept. 23.



Television

ON TV TONIGHT

WE LIKE THE ELROY JETSON MODEL
It's fun to look at the Futurama predictions from the World's Fairs of 1939 and 1964. It's also impossible not to breathe a sigh of relief to see that such visions did not come to pass. So we should take **FUTURECAR** (8 p.m., Discovery) with at least a few grains of salt. The four-part series will visit with designers, manufacturers and test-drivers to discuss the styles, technologies and fuels of the vehicles in our future.

THE EVOLUTION OF GEEKDOM
THE SCI-FI BOYS (11 p.m., Sci Fi) examines the evolution of science fiction and fantasy film and the advances in special effects. It takes an affectionate and nostalgic look at old B-movies and 1930s creature features and



DOES IT COME IN A HYBRID MODEL?
"FutureCar" gets all "Jetsons" on us.

how these films inspired boy geniuses named Steven Spielberg, George Lucas and Peter Jackson.

BUT WILL HE GET HER BON MOTS?
Brennan gets a new partner as Booth has tests on **BONES** (8 p.m., Fox). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Land of the 'Lost'

ABC brings back its hit sci-fi mystery — but is it a bit too late?

FOUND | "Lost" (10 p.m., ABC) returns for the second half of its third season, but not before a recap clip episode (9 p.m.) brings viewers old and new up to date on the island intrigue.

For a show with more than its fair share of mysteries, the biggest head-scratcher may be ABC's decision to put the show on hiatus for a few months. Building a buzz for a show like "Lost" is like catching lightning in a bottle. Did ABC drop



MUD HONEY: A dirty Evangeline Lilly and "Lost" finally return to ABC.

the bottle?
As "Lost" resumes, Jack has just made a potentially fatal incision in Ben's spine, threatening to let him die unless the Others allow Sawyer and Kate to escape. But as "Lost" fans know, the best-laid plans do not always go smoothly, nor does the narrative unfold in a linear fashion. Much of the episode is told in flashbacks from Juliet's perspective, allowing us to find out how and why she got caught up in the strange doings of the Dharma Initiative.
It would be remiss to reveal much more. But look out for a strange scene when Kate and Sawyer stumble onto a mind-control experiment right out of "A Clockwork Orange."
KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC (4)	News		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Friday Night Lights "Blinders" (N) (1)	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N) (1) (CC)		Medium "Apocalypse, Push" (N) (1)		News	Tonight Show	
	WTTG (5)	Seinfeld (1) (CC)	The Simpsons (1)	The Simpsons (1)	Seinfeld (1) (CC)	Bones "The Girl in the Gator" (N)	American Idol (N) (1) (CC)		News		News	Every-Raymond	
	WJLA (7)	News	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	George Lopez (N) Knights-Pros	Lost "Lost Survivor Guide" (N) (CC)		Lost "Not in Portland" (N) (1) (CC)		News	(35) Nightline	
	WUSA (9)	News	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Criminal Minds (1) (CC)	Criminal Minds "Revelations" (N) (1)		CSI: NY "Some Buried Bones" (N) (1)		News	Late Show	
	WDCA (20)	Scrubs "My Bad"	Scrubs (1) (CC)	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Judy (N) (1)	Wicked Wicked Games (N) (1) (CC)	College Basketball North Carolina at Duke. (Live)					Watch Over Me "Death Rattle" (N) (1)	
	WMPT (22)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	America's Ballroom Challenge (N)	The Supreme Court (N) (CC) (DVS)		The Supreme Court (N) (CC) (DVS)			Beyond Brown: Pursuing the Promise	
	WETA (26)	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		America's Ballroom Challenge (N)	The Supreme Court (N) (CC) (DVS)		The Supreme Court (N) (CC) (DVS)			Charlie Rose (N) (1) (CC)	
	WHUT (32)	Business Schl	Tavis Smiley (1)	BBC World News	Moneywise	American Experience (1) (Part 1 of 3) (CC) (DVS)		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (1)			Charlie Rose (N) (1) (CC)	
	WDCW (50)	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Friends (1) (CC)	Friends (1) (CC)	Beauty and the Geek (N) (1) (CC)	One Tree Hill "Pictures of You" (N)		Will & Grace (1)	Will & Grace (1)		Sex and the City	Sex and the City
	BASIC CABLE	A&E	Crossing Jordan "Thin Ice" (1) (CC)		CSI: Miami "Three-Way" (1) (CC)		CSI: Miami "Under Suspicion" (CC)		The Sopranos "Boca" (1) (CC)		(11) The Sopranos "A Hit Is a Hit" (1) (CC)		Bounty Hunter
Animal		The Crocodile Hunter		The Most Extreme "Movers" (CC)		The Blue Planet "Frozen Seas" (CC)		Barracudas (CC)		Animal Planet Heroes Phoenix (CC)		The Blue Planet "Frozen Seas" (CC)	
BET		106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (CC)		Access Granted		BET News Special (N) (CC)		Celebration of Gospel '07 (CC)				Reflections (CC)	Jamie Foxx
Bravo		Project Runway "What the Elle?"		Project Runway (CC)		Project Runway "Finale" (CC)		Top Design "Mystery Judge" (CC)		Top Design "Childs Play" (N) (CC)		Top Design "Childs Play" (CC)	
Comedy		★ House Party IV	Reno 911! (CC)	Scrubs (1) (CC)	Scrubs (1) (CC)	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	South Park (CC)	South Park (CC)	Naked Trucker	Daily Show	Colbert Report
Court		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cops (1) (CC)	Cops (1) (CC)	Most Shocking "Wild Riots"		Forensic Files (N) Forensic Files		Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice		Suburban Secrets Forensic Files	
Discovery		It Takes a Thief Antique dealer. (CC)		MythBusters "More Myths Revisited"		FutureArc Extreme cars. (N)		MythBusters "Diet Coke and Mentos"		MythBusters "Exploding Jawbreaker"		Futureweapons "Mission Invisible"	
DISCH		Code Blue "Medicine and Miracles"		Impact: Stories of Survival (CC)		Kathy's Story: Escape Obesity		Plastic Surgery: Before and After		Extreme Surgery (CC)		Kathy's Story: Escape Obesity	
Disney		Hannah Montana	That's So Raven	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	★★★ "Stuart Little" (1999) Geena Davis. A mouse has various adventures.				Life With Derek	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven
E!		Dr. 90210 "Flat and Flatter"		E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Jessica, Ashlee and the Simpson Family: The E! True Hollywood Story (1)				Girl Next Door	High 90210	E! News	The Daily 10
FX		King of the Hill (1)	King of the Hill (1)	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	★★★ "Misery" (1990, Horror) James Caan, Kathy Bates.				★★★ "Misery" (1990, Horror) James Caan, Kathy Bates.			
HGTV		Look What I Did!	Rezoned	If Walls Could	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Buy Me (1)	Design on a Dime	Design on a Dime	House Hunters	House Worth?	Junk Brothers (1)	Haulin' House
Family		7th Heaven "Help" (1) (CC)		Smallville "Pilot" (1) (CC)		★★★ "Back to the Future" (1985, Science Fiction) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd. (CC)				Whose Line?		The 700 Club (CC)	
History		Modern Marvels (CC)		Modern Marvels "Torture Devices"		Modern Marvels "Demolition" (CC)		Modern Marvels "Hydraulics" (CC)		Modern Marvels "Pumps" (N) (CC)		Modern Marvels "Shovels" (CC)	
Lifetime		Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Still Standing (1)	Still Standing (1)	Reba (1) (CC)	Reba (1) (CC)	★★ "Fifteen and Pregnant" (1998) Kirsten Dunst, Park Overall. (CC) (DVS)				Will & Grace	Will & Grace
MTV		Two-A-Days (1)	Wrestling	Wrestling	Bam's Union	Bam's Union	Road Rules (CC)	Road Rules (CC)	The Real World	The Real World	Maui Fever (1)	Bam's Union	Bam's Union
NICK		Ned's School	Fairly OddParents	Fairly OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Full House (CC)	Full House (CC)	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
SCI FI		Stargate SG-1 "2001" (1) (CC)		The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence (1) (CC)				Quest for Atlantis: Startling New Secrets (1) (CC)				The SCI FI Boys (N)	
SPIKE		Star Trek: Voyager "Future's End"		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (1)		UFC's Ultimate Fight Night (1)				Pros vs. Joes (1)	
TBS		Seinfeld (1) (CC)	Seinfeld (1) (CC)	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	King of Queens	King of Queens	★ "Boat Trip" (2003, Comedy) (CC)	
TLC	Moving Up "Calamityville Horror"		Amazing Medical Stories (CC)		New Face, New Hope (N)		Untold Stories of the E.R. (CC)		Face-Saving Surgery (CC)		New Face, New Hope		
TNT	Without a Trace "He Saw, She Saw"		Without a Trace (1) (CC)		Without a Trace "Suspect" (1) (CC)		Without a Trace "Silent Partner" (1)		Without a Trace "Snatch Back" (CC)		Las Vegas "The Story of Owe" (CC)		
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Want"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (1)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC)		
VHI	The White Rapper Show (1)		I Love New York "What's Up Dog" (1)		40 Freakiest Concert Moments (1)				Surreal Life Fame Games (1)		The White Rapper Show (1)		
SPAN	TELEM	Daniela	Noti-Telemndo	Viuda de Blanco		Marina	Amor Mio	Amor Mio	Decisiones de Famosos		Noti-Telemndo	12 Corazones	
	UNIV	Que Locura	Noticiero Univ	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella (N)	(15) Fútbol Estados Unidos vs. México. Desde el University of Phoenix Stadium en Glendale, Ariz.						Primer Impacto
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		College Basketball Georgetown at Louisville. (Live) (CC)		College Basketball North Carolina at Duke. (Live) (CC)				SportsCenter (Live) (CC)			
	ESPN2	NASCAR	NASCAR Now	College Basketball Illinois at Northwestern. (Live)		Soccer Mexico vs. United States. From Glendale, Ariz. (Live) (CC)						Strongest Man	
	CSN	Poker -- Learn	SportsNite	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Washington Wizards. (Live)		Wizards Post.		SportsNite (Live) (CC)				Maryland	Final Score
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight (CC)		The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now (CC)		Larry King Live (CC)		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)			
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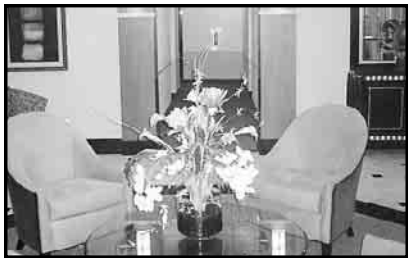
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Outreach

Florida community prohibits groups from feeding the homeless

At Lake Eola Park, there is much beauty to behold: robust palms, beds of cheery begonias, a cascading lake fountain, clusters of friendly egrets and swans. Then there are the signs.

DO NOT LIE OR OTHERWISE BE IN A HORIZONTAL POSITION ON A PARK BENCH. DO NOT SLEEP OR REMAIN IN ANY BUSHES, SHRUBS OR FOLIAGE. PER CITY CODE SEC. 18A.09 (A) AND (O).

Since joggers and dog walkers tend not to snooze in flower beds, it's clear, says Monique Vargas, at whom the notices are targeted.

"They're talking to us, to the homeless," says Vargas, 28, who says she has lived on the streets, in parks or under overpasses, since age 16.

Orlando, population 200,000, works hard to conjure the image of a true-life Pleasantville. But its spotless sidewalks and twinkling skyline belie a real city with real maladies — most notably, a surging homeless population that authorities are struggling to control.

After a law that banned panhandling was struck down by the courts, the city tried to discourage aggressive beggars by obliging them to carry ID cards, and later by confining them to 3-by-15-foot "panhandling zones" painted in blue on sidewalks downtown.

Despite these laws, the number of people living on the streets of the metro area swelled, from roughly 5,000 in 1999 to an estimated 8,500 today, dwarfing the city's shelter capacity for 2,000 people.

So in July, the city commission tried a "supply-side" approach: It passed an ordinance regulating the



SIGN OF THE TIMES: Signs (left) in Florida's Lake Eola Park are meant to discourage homeless people. Paul Johnson lives in a homeless camp in a vacant lot outside Orlando.



Forbidden Food

feeding of large groups of people in Orlando's downtown parks.

Those who wished to feed more than 25 hungry individuals at parks within a 2-mile radius of City Hall could do so, but only if they obtained a "Large Group Feeding Permit" from the parks department.

For the first time anyone in Orlando could remember, not only would panhandlers find themselves in the crosshairs of the law, but so would those trying to help them.

Already, the cities of Dallas, Fort Myers, Fla.; Gainesville, Fla.; Wilmington, N.C.; and Atlanta have laws restricting or outright prohibiting the feeding of the homeless. In Fairfax County, Va., homemade meals and meals made in church kitchens may not be distributed to the homeless unless first approved by the county.

Homelessness, in the view of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer and members of his staff, adversely affects public safety and economic development, and therefore must be addressed.

"It's a balancing act," says Brie Turek, Dyer's spokesperson. "We need to balance the needs of our citizens and our businesses with the needs of the homeless."

Alana Brenner, a city clerk who serves as the mayor's point person on the homeless problem, says the city has set up "an alternative location near downtown," where "feedings can take place any day, any hour."

It's nearly 5:15 p.m. when Suzanne Peters, a volunteer with Food Not Bombs, pulls up in her tan Chevy Blazer. The homeless stir and chatter as Peters opens

"It's a sorry state of affairs when you can feed the squirrels, the doves and pigeons, but not a hungry guy."

MICHAEL STOOPS, NATIONAL LAW CENTER ON HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

the hatch.

Peters and her partners used to feed 75 to 150 homeless people at a time in Lake Eola Park, just a block north. Then, after the ordinance took effect, patrol cars, four at a time, would roll up, and officers would step out and ask who was in charge.

"They'd tell us it was a 'no-feeding zone,'" says Brett Mason, a 19-

year-old college student, who joined Food Not Bombs when it came to Orlando in January 2005.

The officers, he says, would say, "You have to get a permit to feed here," and shoo us away."

So the group retreated to this street corner and began feeding out of the back of members' cars. On occasion, to show defiance, Food Not Bombs fed in front of municipal buildings, even City Hall.

That's because the ordinance, says Ben Markeson, who belongs to the group, is based on a misguided premise.

City officials "think groups that share food with the homeless are attracting the homeless to downtown neighborhoods. But the homeless are already here. And they'll be here with or without the food."

TODD LEWAN (AP)

Bright Light, Cool Sight

Travel

The northern lights are latest attraction for Japanese tourists

For Japanese newlyweds Jun and Chisako Shibata, the perfect honeymoon meant standing on a steep Alaska mountain in the freezing darkness, gazing up at the dancing lights in the sky.

"Amazing," Chisako Shibata said of the aurora borealis, or northern lights.

"I saw it on television a long time ago and it was so beautiful. I knew I wanted to come and see it in person," the bride said, as all around the couple other Japanese tourists gasped at each twist in the shimmering curtains of green and plum.

Growing numbers of Japanese tourists are visiting Alaska this time of year to see the aurora borealis, helping to create a lucrative winter tourism market in a cold, cold

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CHISAKO SHIBATA, TOURIST

state that is primarily a summer destination.

Japanese culture is fascinated with natural wonders, and the aurora borealis — a luminous phenomenon produced when charged solar particles strike the upper atmosphere near the North Pole — is celebrated in travel and adventure shows in Japan. Many Japanese save for years or take out loans to see the aurora. For some, it is almost a spiritual quest.

"Some of them have heard about it so much, they feel it's one of the things they must see before they die," said Pete Redshaw, a guide at the Chena Hot Springs resort



Tomoka Mizutani, right, her mother and her grandmother watch the lights in Alaska.

deep in Alaska's interior, 60 miles northeast of Fairbanks. "Others want to see something so magical, something so unimaginable. I've seen some people cry when they see it."

Japanese tourists account for 90 percent of the guests at the resort as well as at the Aurora Borealis

Lodge, at Cleary Summit 20 miles north of Fairbanks.

Tourists from Japan have been coming to Alaska for decades to see the northern lights. But the number has climbed sharply since direct flights from Japan that reduce the flying time from about 20 hours to no more than eight became avail-

able three years ago.

Now at least 3,500 Japanese are scheduled to take advantage of the direct charter flights to Fairbanks that are running between Dec. 22 and Feb. 25. Those visitors alone are expected to pump about \$3 million into the local economy, said Colin Lawrence, tourism manager at the Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The aurora borealis is best viewed away from the bright lights of urban centers. With their clear, wide-open skies, interior Alaska and Canada are ideal for aurora watching and have plenty of other winter attractions to offer vacationers, such as dog sledding, skiing, ice carving festivals and snowmobiling.

In the pre-dawn hours of a recent morning, the Shibatas and other bundled-up tourists waited inside a heated lookout at the top of 2,880-foot Charlie Dome. People took turns venturing out into the subzero cold to watch for the aurora. A man ran in, yelled, "Aurora!" and everyone dashed out.

Swaying ribbons of green light cast an otherworldly glow on the landscape amid occasional flashes of reddish purple. The show lasted several minutes.

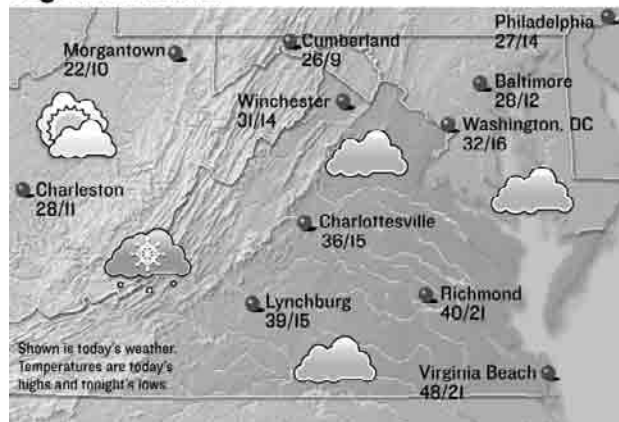
"That was a dream come true," 34-year-old Mari Mizuno of Japan said through an interpreter.

RACHEL D'ORO (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Becoming partly sunny	Mostly clear, very cold	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy, flurries possible	Mostly sunny
32°	16°	35° / 20°	34° / 20°	34° / 21°	31° / 23°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	26°
Low	10°
Normal high	44°
Normal low	28°
Average humidity	26%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.09"
Normal month to date	0.55"
Year to date	2.55"
Last year to date	4.35"
Normal year to date	3.76"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

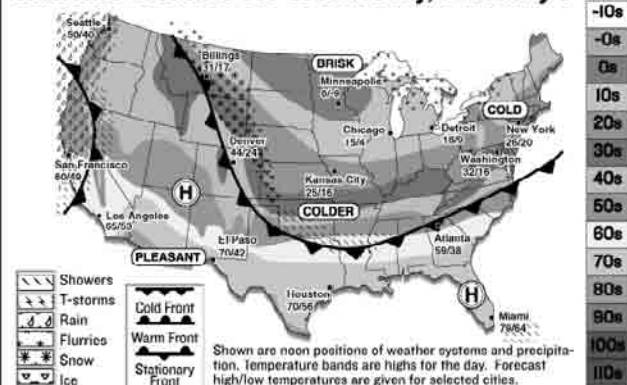
D.C. Metro: Today, becoming partly sunny. High 32. Wind northwest 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 16. Wind north 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:09 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:36 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:05 p.m.
Moonset today	9:29 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Feb 10	Feb 17	Feb 24	Mar 3

National Weather for Wednesday, February 7



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	59/38/pc	55/37/c
Boston	25/15/pc	29/14/pc
Chicago	15/4/pc	18/2/pc
Dallas	65/43/pc	53/37/r
Denver	44/24/pc	48/27/pc
Honolulu	80/67/r	78/62/r
Los Angeles	65/53/pc	66/54/pc
Miami	79/64/c	78/65/pc
New York City	26/20/pc	29/20/pc
Orlando	75/48/s	73/54/pc
Seattle	50/40/r	50/39/c

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	40/34/sh	41/36/sh
Athens	56/46/pc	57/46/r
Berlin	38/28/pc	39/28/c
Buenos Aires	88/70/s	88/68/pc
Calgary	10/-1/sn	1/-3/sn
Dublin	41/34/c	41/36/sn
Geneva	44/38/sh	44/37/r
Moscow	10/-10/c	6/0/c
Rome	55/48/sh	57/50/r
Sydney	79/72/pc	76/67/sh
Tokyo	54/36/s	52/43/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Styles

Look out

The Past Perfect

Runway shows sport vintage inspirations

There's a bit of a vintage vibe at New York Fashion Week, with many designers mining bygone eras as inspiration for their new fall collections. The outfits are distinctly feminine although there are many menswear touches. The brown, moss and gray backdrop is made richer with plum, berry and blue.

MARC JACOBS: This is what the fashion crowd was waiting for: a definitive sign that the shape of fashion will be different next season.

More than any other American designer, Marc Jacobs is the bellwether, and he treated his beyond-capacity crowd Monday night to long, lean clothes that were devoid of gimmicks but still had sparkle, thanks to several sequined pieces. Models, including Shalom Harlow making a rare appearance on the runway, wore 1920s-inspired hats to complement pleated shirtdresses that went below the knee and menswear-style vests and narrow-leg — though not “skinny” — pants. There was more than one jumpsuit, too, and while jumpsuits normally either look dated or are incredibly difficult to pull off, Jacobs’ navy one covered with subtle embroidered bows actually worked.

Jacobs did tap into some already-emerging trends, including using teal and berry against an overall palette of gray, navy, beige and winter white, as well as mixing textures, almost ensuring that those looks will take off.

Marc Jacobs took his inspiration from the 1920s, meaning the shape of fall should be long and lean.

NEW YORK
Runway
REPORT



MAX AZRIA: This is the more upscale line from husband-wife team Max and Lubov Azria, who previewed their BCBG line earlier in Fashion Week. Some of the themes were the same here — patchwork and pleats, and using green and mauve as accents with grays and browns — but just a little more polished.

A few dresses had intricately pleated sleeves, and the knit ones had interesting patterns and color blocks woven in the wool. Other dresses — and there were a lot of not-quite-fancy dresses for Azria’s starlet following — had high necks and cowl backs, which seems to be a favored look of the season.

JOVOVICH HAWK: Designers Milla Jovovich and Carmen Hawk took over a section of the already vintage-inspired Gramercy Park Hotel and turned it into a treasure trove of grandma’s best clothes.

Max Azria featured pleated sleeves, patterned fabrics, high necks and cowl backs — which looks to be the major shape of dresses for the autumn of 2007.

Until now, Jovovich-Hawk’s claim to fame has been Jovovich’s celebrity as a model. This collection, though, could elevate the brand, thanks to a series of sweet-sexy outfits.

The best ones included a slim black skirt suit with patent leather accents, worn with hot-pink stilettos; a black viscose dress with rosettes and rose-color trim; and a navy halter dress with peach contrast that looked as if it should be worn by a woman selling cigarettes at a speakeasy.

NANETTE LEPORE: If you’re going to wear Keds with cocktail dresses, you’ve got to have the right attitude, and the models in Nanette Lepore’s show Monday certainly did. They bounced around in short dresses, purple tights and gold or velvet sneakers. (Lepore collaborates with Keds.)

Even the more grown-up clothes, which were then paired with peep-toe pumps from Lepore’s own, higher-end shoe collection, had a light and playful touch — a sweater dress was adorned with sequins and a tan-and-blue print chiffon dress was worn over soft velvet pants.

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

Gifts



Pink for the Sweet

Day one of marketing school must cover the rule “Girls like things that are pink.” Day two must be “Especially on Valentine’s Day.” That must be why Verizon is offering its Chocolate — part phone, part MP3 player — in the new, limited-edition **STRAWBERRY CHOCOLATE** flavor. Color. Whatever (\$100 after rebate and with two-year contract, verizonwireless.com). The phone has a 1.3 megapixel camera, Bluetooth capability and the Chaperone Family Locator capability, in case you want to include a little stalking with your gift. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Beauty



Four Your Love

For the woman who wants a little bit of everything this Valentine’s Day, Lush’s new, limited-edition **SEXY FOUR SAMPLER KIT** (\$29, Lush, 3066 M St. NW; 202-333-6950) has mini-pots of four of the line’s best-sellers. It includes Gorgeous, a facial moisturizer; Smitten, a hand lotion; Chocolate Whipstick, a lip balm; and Sympathy for the Skin, a body lotion. The sample-sized portions are great for a woman who can’t commit. All of the scents are sweet, so make sure she enjoys smelling like cake. K.P.K.

 from readexpress.com

Measuring Metro's Reliability

TRANSIT | Feedback is still coming in regarding Monday's Poll Center question: "Do you find Metro's transit service reliable for daily use?" While a majority — approximately three-fourths — of respondents indicated that they do feel they can depend on Metro, that still leaves a quarter of voters who aren't so sure.

Michael Snyder, chairman of the Metro Riders' Advisory Council, wrote Express Tuesday morning to put that 27 percent into perspective: "That's the equivalent of two railcar loads of people on every eight-car train. That's almost three of 11 busloads of commuters on the '30-series — Pennsylvania Avenue Line' every hour. That represents over \$125 million in fare revenue annually."

There's an RAC meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. at Metro's Judiciary Square headquarters for those who'd like to discuss their concerns.

MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

Giuliani's Political Aura

POLL CENTER | Can former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani convince enough of the Republican party faithful to nominate him for president? In what's expected to be a nasty 2008 primary season, the moderate Giuliani has name recognition in his corner, but pundits say his challenge will be to win the favor of the party's conservative wing.

Yesterday's Poll Center question about the topic brought out Giuliani supporters and opponents.



NOT WONKETTE: Ana Marie Cox finds herself back in the mainstream.

Says a reader from Visalia, Calif.: "The 'big' complaint of the extreme right has inaccurately labeled him pro-choice; abortion under his term as mayor went down remarkably and government-funded abortions went down more so. Rudy's posi-

tion is with the vast majority of the country that Roe v. Wade should not be overturned, but not government funded."

Commenter Martin wasn't impressed: "I just don't get the Giuliani hype. He may be socially moderate and not a psycho wing [n]ut, but he's also hawkish on defense and would probably fill the government with cronies, just as Bush has done. If he's the best the GOP has to offer in 2008, the Dems have it in the bag." M.G.

→ Coming Up Today

Ana Marie Cox, the founding editor of Wonkette.com, left the snarky political blog to concentrate on her writing career. And after years of throwing the mainstream media rulebook back at the establishment press, she finds herself back in the thick of it as Washington editor of Time.com. We'll chat with the author of "Dog Days" about where she is in her career and what's next.

? Poll Center

TODAY'S QUESTION

How should Metrorail be extended through Tysons Corner?

1. Aboveground
2. Underground

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Can Rudy Giuliani win the GOP presidential nomination?

YES **NO**

54% 46%

As of 6 p.m. Tuesday. Not a scientific poll.

GIVE YOUR OPINION ON TODAY'S POLL QUESTION AND GET A STATION-BY-STATION BREAKDOWN OF HOW YOUR FELLOW METRORAIL COMMUTERS VOTED AT READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP



"How did Jack's brother get a name like 'Graem'? I mean, I understand 'Graham.' I can get my head around that. But 'Graem'?"

DCEIVER.BLOGSPOT.COM, AN AVID WATCHER OF FOX'S '24,' IS CONFUSED ABOUT THE SPELLING OF JACK BAUER'S BROTHER, GRAEM'S, NAME.

Watch Your Belongings

"Remember high school gym locker rooms where you feared putting anything valuable in the locker because just about anyone could break/manipulate your lock and run away with your belongings? Apparently, the same still holds true with Gallery Place area fitness centers."

GPLIVINGS.BLOGSPOT.COM RELAYS SOME CRIME STATS FOR THE GALLERY PLACE AREA.

9:30 Club on QVC?

"The question, then, is this: If more bands start clamoring for QVC airtime, will a music-only spinoff channel — with blocks hosted by Mark McGrath and Steve Harwell, natch — rise to give VH1 Classic a run for its hits of yesteryear money?"

IDOLATOR.COM ON THE GOO GOO DOLLS DOING A SHOW FOR THE SHOPPING CHANNEL.



Giuliani for D.C. Mayor?

"How is it that the overwhelmingly Democratic city of New York can manage to elect a Republican who cuts taxes, fights crime and improves quality of life across the city, while the best D.C. can manage is a Democrat-dominated mayoral process that boils down to a pathetic game of who can promise the most and deliver the last?"

CUTDCTAXES.BLOGSPOT.COM



What to Do With Iran?

"If we are going to call for Iran hearings, let's call for hearings about the administration's efforts to build a case against Iran in the context of the Iraq war."

DAILYKOS.COM SENDS A MESSAGE TO CAPITOL HILL DEMOCRATS ABOUT PRESSING THE WHITE HOUSE ON ITS IRAN POLICY, URGING CONGRESS TO EXPLICITLY PROHIBIT MILITARY STRIKES ON IRAN.

Live Online

The Bitter Cold

KEN REEVES, director of Forecast Operations for Accuweather.com, was online Tuesday at washingtonpost.com to talk about the frigid winter temperatures and how to stay warm.

Down jackets offer great insulation, but it doesn't breathe like Gore-Tex with Polartec. It can get clammy really fast with down jackets. Do you agree?

The key to dealing with cold is layers, not just one heavy coat. Retaining warmth while allowing moisture to escape is the best solution.

When will it be over? Will it happen again this winter? I've lived here all my life and do not recall this kind of cold — we are not prepared! Washingtonians are "weather weenies," as you must know.

Record lows in February are generally in the single digits above and below zero in the Washington area, but most of these records are more than 50 years old. This type of cold is not extreme, especially consider-

ing what can happen in January. I think the five- to six-degree above-normal December and January created a situation that made this cold feel even worse.

How do you deal with frozen water in the house?

You need to be careful that your pipes have not cracked from the freezing process. Water expands when it freezes and can cause pipes to break. You need to warm the pipes. There are warming devices that are sold commercially that allow you to keep the pipes warm enough if they are prone to freezing. You can also let the water run a little since moving water is less likely to freeze. For the short term, in a small area, a hair dryer may help.

What can I do to keep my apartment warm and save on my gas bill?

The age of a building plays a role at how well it can stay warm. Openings are where much of the heat is lost ... doors, windows, etc. Anything you can do to control the loss of heat in those areas would help. Cover the windows with clear wrap — that adds an extra layer of protection from the cold.

DON'T

FALL FOR IT. Question: How do you get the public to send you money? Answer: Tell people they're contributing to the "world's largest collection" of some coin, and you'll add them to the donor list if they give you the cash. 1968pennies.com has made \$70 so far.



TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Post Reliable Source columnists Amy Argetsinger and Roxanne Roberts dish on local gossip at noon. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

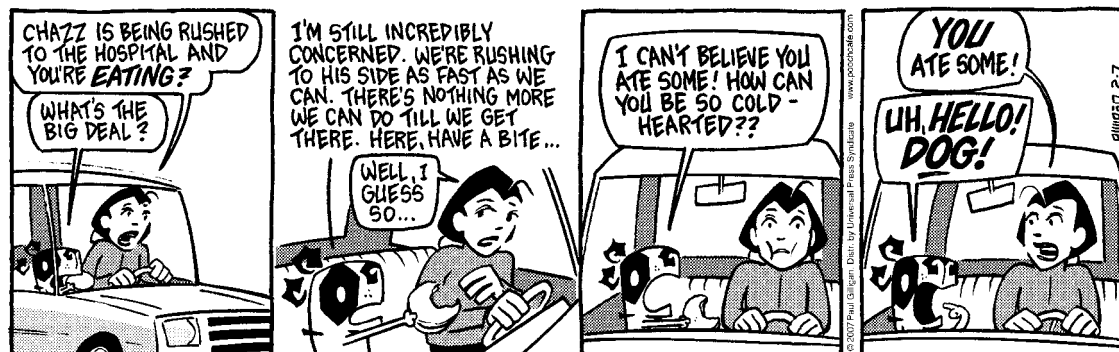


Cornered | Mike Baldwin



Bob didn't have much disposable income. But somehow he still managed to throw away a little each week.

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your ability to see and appreciate both sides of every issue is sure to slow you down. You'll have to make a decision sooner or later.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) There's more to life than being "fair" — and you may discover you're capable of taking action that proves somehow controversial.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Understanding of all sorts is the key. You must be willing to accept the notion that a different point of view can work for some people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) What you observe can prove quite instructive. Later, you will surely want to put what you've learned into practice — carefully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You won't want to do many chores, but there is one in particular that your attention will be drawn to again and again. Get it done.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) What appears

easy for some people may be quite difficult for you. Soon, however, you'll feel as though you can compete on the same level.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone close to you is in for a surprise, and all you have to do is stick to your schedule and avoid attracting undue attention.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may be feeling unusually subdued. Perhaps it's a change of heart — but more likely you're waiting for an energy surge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) This is a good day to feed your head with all manner of things that will enable you to pursue new goals with a healthier attitude.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You won't be pleased with anything that seems gaudy or phony. You want only the "real thing" — no matter what the category.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Decision-making is not likely to come easily to you — and why should it? The fact is, you've got a lot of time to consider options.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're in no mood to wait for others to make up their minds about things, but you're going to have to do so. Limiting choices is the wrong move.

Letters

Race Matters in Remarks

ONE DAY, THERE will come a time when race is a non-issue. When that time comes and we use adjectives to describe a person as being intelligent and articulate, we won't have to think twice about their color because it won't matter ("Biden's Remarks Overblown," Feb. 2). However, we are not there yet. Sen. Joe Biden's com-

ments were a backhanded compliment. Although his intentions may have been to compliment Barack Obama, the way it was delivered was insulting to the character of Obama, all the other presidential candidates of African-American descent and African-Americans as a whole. Positive character traits are not exclusive to one race of people. So, no, reactions to Biden's remarks were not overblown.

—ULREKA A. MITCHELL
Washington, D.C.

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Today in History

1812 Author Charles Dickens is born in Portsmouth, England.

1861 The general council of the Choctaw Indian nation adopts a resolution declaring allegiance with the South "in the event a permanent dissolution of the American Union takes place."

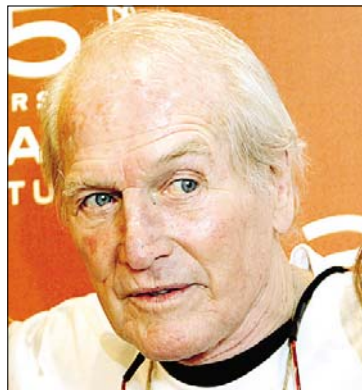
1904 A fire begins in Baltimore that rages for about 30 hours and destroys more than 1,500

buildings.

1943 The government announces the start of shoe rationing, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person for the remainder of the year.

1964 The Beatles begin their first American tour as they arrive at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

2002 Former Enron chief executive Jeffrey Skilling insists to skeptical lawmakers that he knew of nothing improper about the complex web of partnerships that brought down the company.



STUART RAMSON/AP

Paul looks more like Yoda every day.

WIZENED

Being Famous Doesn't Mean You Drip the Faucets

Frigid weather most likely caused a pipe to burst in **PAUL NEWMAN**'s new restaurant, damaging part of the dining room and forcing the restaurant to close for repairs. A cracked sprinkler pipe damaged a dining room early Monday. Firefighters were called to the 128-seat restaurant about 1 a.m. and found water flowing from the ceiling. (AP)

NOT CLASSY

Don't Kick a Spokesmodel When She's Down, People!

ANNA NICOLE SMITH and TrimSpa Inc. have been sued in a class-action lawsuit alleging their marketing of a weight-loss pill is false or misleading. They are asking for unspecified damages, restitution and an injunction preventing Smith and New Jersey-based TrimSpa, maker of TrimSpa X32, from making claims that users of the pills can lose substantial amounts of weight. Smith, 39, has endorsed TrimSpa and is a spokeswoman. (AP)



DAVE HOGAN/GETTY IMAGES

HARDCORE

Don't Mess With The Watchmakers

Swiss watchmaker Raymond Weil has filed a breach of contract lawsuit against **CHARLIZE THERON**. In court papers filed late Monday in New York State Supreme Court, Weil said Theron signed an endorsement deal saying that from October 2005 through December 2006 she would only wear Weil watches. Meanwhile, Theron had an endorsement deal to promote a Dior perfume, Weil's lawsuit said. The actress, 31, was "photographed wearing a watch from the Christian Dior line" in March 2006 at a film festival in Austin, Texas, court papers said. (AP)



This is Keith's special "oil-painting face."

FRAUD

'I Don't Feel The Nicole Kidman in This Art'

KEITH URBAN, the country singer, has filed a lawsuit against Keith Urban, a painter from New Jersey, claiming the painter's Web site violates federal trademark laws. The lawsuit, filed Friday in U.S. District Court, says Keith D. Urban of Wayne, N.J., is using his keithurban.com domain

in a deceptive manner and for commercial purposes. The Web site includes the statement: "You have reached the site of Keith Urban. To those who don't know, oil painting is one of my hobbies." It then directs viewers to a gallery of paintings and offers limited editions of prints for sale. (AP)



At this point, Daniel's agent just uses this image as his client's head shot.

SIBLINGS

Lesser Baldwin Brother Demoted to Second Cousin

A judge issued an arrest warrant Tuesday for **DANIEL BALDWIN** after he failed to appear in Orange County Superior Court on charges that he illegally took another person's car. "He had an arraignment scheduled and he did not appear so a bench warrant has been issued," said Farrah Emami, a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office. "I was sitting in court. He most definitely did not show up." (AP)

OVERUSE

Meet the Only Man on Earth Bored by X-tina's Naked Body

CHRISTINA AGUILERA has no problem showing skin — especially on weekends with her husband, music executive Jordan Bratman. "We claim ourselves to be the coziest couple ever. We have something called 'naked Sundays,'" she said in an interview set to air Wednesday on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show." "You have to keep marriage alive, spice it up," says Aguilera. So, the couple stays in on Sundays, she says. "We do everything naked. We cook naked." (AP)



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Surface Matters

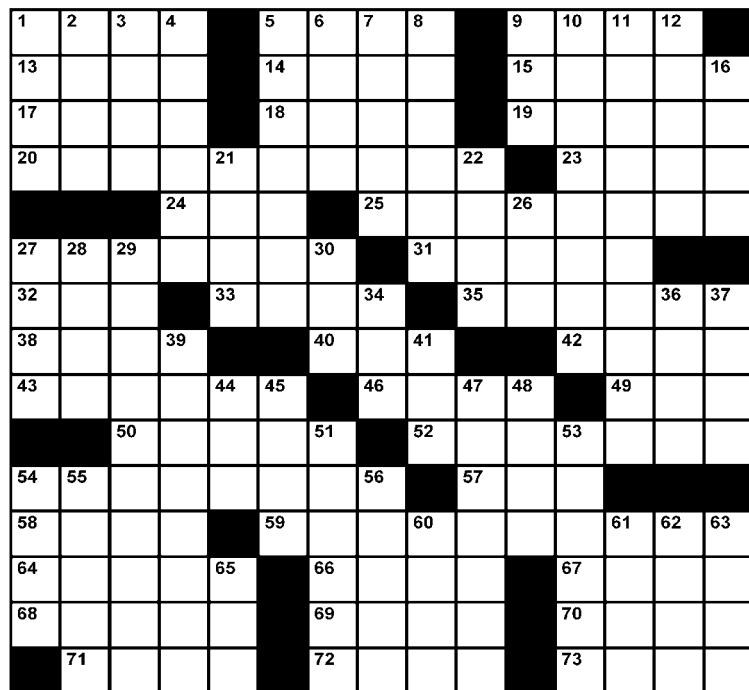
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20 It may be used to test for phosphorus
23 Two-star performance?
24 One billion years, in astronomy
25 Much of Cuba
27 Visual aid, perhaps
31 All in
32 Meadow
33 "National Velvet" author
35 Had trouble pronouncing "s"
38 Homer's issue?
40 Schoolyard game
42 Leave helpless with laughter
43 Emanating from stars
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50 Altar promise
52 Read, as a bar code
54 Showed curiosity

57 Commemorative poem
58 Smear with grease or mud, e.g.
59 One who works his own land
64 Deformed circles
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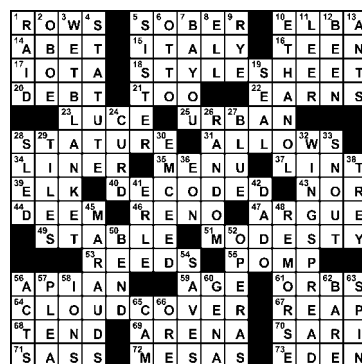
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10 "My word!"
11 First floor proposal
12 The hit on a 45, usually
16 Grounded fleet
21 Sensitive to the touch
22 Sermon subject, sometimes
26 Noted Onassis, to friends



27 Island east of Corsica
28 Supportive voices
29 Catastrophic event
30 Kind of boss or bull
34 Equine mother
36 Roof part
37 Not natural, as hair
39 Bothers
41 Word with "tank" or "range"
44 "Wheel of Fortune" purchase
45 Baltimore or Fauntleroy, e.g.

47 Displayed disdain
48 "I did it!"
51 Wields the scepter
53 Impulse transmitters
54 Person or object of devotion
55 Type of blockade
56 Hang down
60 Sound quality
61 Second helping, e.g.
62 Type of collar
63 Take a load off
65 Many dads, briefly

Yesterday's Solution



Su|do|ku

Degree of Difficulty: MEDIUM

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's Solution

2	8	1	6	7	5	9	4	3
3	7	5	8	9	4	2	6	1
9	6	4	2	1	3	5	7	8
1	3	6	4	5	8	7	9	2
4	2	9	3	6	7	8	1	5
8	5	7	9	2	1	4	3	6
7	4	8	1	3	2	6	5	9
6	1	2	5	4	9	3	8	7
5	9	3	7	8	6	1	2	4

Need more Su|do|ku?
Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section every Monday through Saturday.

	4	7		6		1	3	
	5			8		3		9
				1				
6		3				7		9
			1		6			
4		5				6		2
				7				
	7		9		4		5	
	3	8		2		4	7	

Special Report solves the "My home isn't selling" problem

WASHINGTON METRO – A "Special Report" explodes what its author exposes as "The myth of slow home sales." In fact, the Report explains, in clear and plain English, how a home owner who wants to sell can not only count on a sale within 120 days but can be guaranteed that the sale will occur.

The Report proves its accuracy by quoting specific local instances in which the technique it describes has sold homes time after time, quickly, efficiently, and at a favorable price.

The author of the report, noted realtor Frank Sanya, has made numerous appearances on both television and radio.

Mr. Sanya states that the Report represents the compendium of his many years of real estate experience and can be of substantial value to homeowners, especially those whose homes have been on the market unsold for a considerable period of time. The author emphasizes that although he does not accept every listing, by following the Report's procedures he accomplishes a sale in every instance in which he is the broker of record.

The secret, says the Report, is a combination of traits and procedures that consistently result in a successful sale. For a free copy of the Report, go to a private but available Web site – www.WantItSoldNow.com.

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Take Metro to Urban Film Series

In honor of Black History Month, the Urban Film Series Tour returns to Washington today, Feb. 7, through Sunday, Feb. 11. This year's theme, "We Remember," looks at the trials and tribulations the urban community has faced in the past and encourages a new direction for future generations. Festival viewings and performances take place throughout the weekend at various Metro-accessible locations in Washington. For more details, visit www.urbanfilmseries.com. And plan the best way to get around town with Metro's Trip Planner. Log onto MetroOpensDoors.com or call 202-637-7000 (TTY 202-638-3780).

Metrorail: Gallery Pl-Chinatown on the Red/Green/Yellow lines or U St/African-Amer Civil War Memorial/Cardozo on the Green/Yellow lines.
Metrobus: 42, 66, 68, 70, 80, 90, 92, 96, 98, P6 or X2.

Smithsonian Presents Fossil Fest



Courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution

Explore over 30 different demonstrations, presentations, educational games and art projects at Fossil Fest 2007: Dinosaurs and More this Saturday, Feb. 10, at the National Museum of Natural History. Fossil Fest is a one-day event designed for children, adults and amateur paleontologists to learn more about fossils and what goes on behind the scenes at the museum. Activities will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the First Floor Dinosaur Hall at the Museum of Natural History, 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW. For more details, visit www.mnh.si.edu.

Metrorail: Smithsonian on the Blue/Orange lines.
Metrobus: 13A or 52.

Savion Glover at Warner Theater

Creator and star of the Broadway smash *Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk*, Savion Glover single-handedly brought percussive dance back to the forefront of contemporary American performance. In *Classical Savion*, Glover performs with an ensemble of classical musicians at 8 p.m. this Friday, Feb. 9, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Warner Theater. For tickets and more details, visit www.wpas.org.

Metrorail: Metro Center on the Red/Blue/Orange lines (12th and F Street exit).
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Courtesy of WPAS

METRO TIP

Metro is installing yellow warning strobe lights on 100 Metrobuses in the District of Columbia as part of a pilot program to improve pedestrian safety. The strobe lights will help pedestrians and other motorists spot Metrobuses operating along city streets and provide additional lighting for early morning and evening bus riders.



Metro's New General Manager Announces Major Safety Improvement Plan

Metro's new General Manager John Catoe outlined a major safety initiative last week that aims to make Metro the safest transit agency in the country. The multi-year initiative will focus all of Metro's 10,000 employees on safety and call on the public for input as well. It will be the most comprehensive safety overhaul in the transit authority's history and will impact Metrobus, Metrorail and MetroAccess service.

"I believe Metro is a safe system, but we have to be number one in safety because one accident is one too many," said Catoe, who established a similar plan at the Los Angeles County Metro. "To get there, we need a greater emphasis on safety—from employees and our customers."

Within 30 days, Metro intends to hire a contractor to conduct a thorough analysis of safety measures already in place, identify areas that need improvement, generate solutions in weak areas, initiate new safety measures and create a new safety training program for supervisors. The safety enhancements will augment Metro's existing safety program and place a greater emphasis on system safety for customers and employees. According to Catoe, the initiative will require a two-day training program for all Metro employees and safety inspections for all Metro work places. Look for more specifics about the safety initiative on this page and at MetroOpensDoors.com in the coming weeks.